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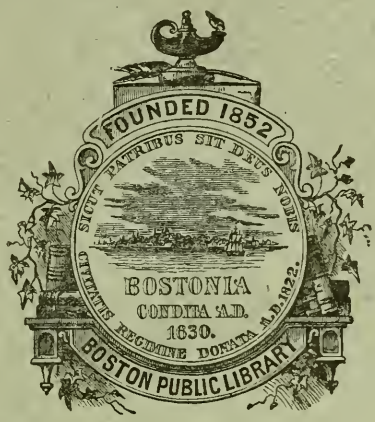

THIRTY-SECOND

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THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

1884.

[A.]

The Trustees have the honor to present to the City Council their Thirty-second Annual Report, the sixth made under their Act of Incorporation, and containing the details of the condition and administration of the Library for the year ending on the 30th of April last.

The reports of the "Examining Committee from the citizens at large," and of the Librarian, with its important appendixes, are embraced in this document.

From the experience of previous years, and with the large increase of the collections, it was deemed important to appoint a full committee, and at an earlier period in the year than had before been thought necessary. It was named on the 19th of February, and held its first meeting on the 7th of March. The members are: Charles H. Dalton, Esq., Robert Grant, Esq., Rev. Brooke Herford, Edward J. Holmes, Esq., Professor Thomas S. Perry, Charles L. Randall, M.D., Richard Sullivan, Esq., Rev. Alexander S. Twombly, D.D., Colonel Carroll D. Wright, with Professor Henry W. Haynes, a trustee, as chairman, as required by the ordinance. Three of these gentlemen, Messrs. Perry, Sullivan, and Twombly, had served on the committee in 1883, and Mr. Holmes in 1881, and brought to the work of ex-

amination their knowledge of the institution previously acquired.

The great collection of books belonging to the Public Library, and the extent of its uses, have changed vastly since the first report of an Examining Committee was made in the year 1853, when 9,688 volumes were upon the shelves, shortly to go into circulation. In the second report, made in 1854, when the Library contained 16,221 volumes, it is stated that "of a large number of these books there are duplicates, and in a few cases there are several or many copies of the same work." The institution and its value were then on trial, and the work of the "committee from citizens at large" was easily accomplished in a few hours. At this period, however, was settled the question of duplicates, of which single copies of works on attractive subjects, or of large popular interest, could not satisfy the daily and weekly demand.

Every year since that period, except in the circulation of the more ephemeral literature, has developed a gradually increasing inquiry for better classes of books, with wider classification of subjects and a more various and numerously spread constituency of readers and students, till at the present time the Library, including its popular branches, covers, so far as is practicable with its means of purchase, the largest number of books useful to the largest number of pupils. It is now the most extensive free lending library in the world. But with this increase in demand the problems of purchase and circulation become more difficult year by year. Many books asked for by experts cannot be ordered from a deficiency of means, while there is also a failure to meet the whole demand for popular literature. The conservative experience acquired in each year, of the wants and possibilities of the institution, can only furnish to the Trustees a proximately safe guide of action.

The Trustees will give respectful consideration to the recommendations of the Examining Committee, who are probably aware that the Board has been reducing, quite as fast as public demand would permit, the purchase of fiction of any but the better class. Where formerly occasional duplicates were furnished to the branches, now a single copy suffices, which has resulted in a diminution of average use of not quite one per cent. The call for light literature is naturally larger in the districts than in the city proper. The attraction of the more numerous portion of the reading public to the popular libraries must obviously be found in the new books heralded in the public prints, and the subject of conversation among their friends and neighbors. In this con-

nection, in the literature of the day, fiction plays, year by year, a more conspicuous part, as it idealizes every shade of life and character which modern civilization presents in its best, good, indifferent, or wretched phases.

Notwithstanding these conditions the Trustees see no reason to change the declaration expressed last year, and quoted in the report of the Examining Committee. The effort is making, and will be continued. It is not only a question of finance, but more important, of better reading.

There is, however, one opinion expressed by the committee in connection with a proposed telephonic system of communication between the Branches and the Boylston-street Libraries, which is possibly subject to misconstruction. It is argued that the adoption of such a system "would secure a greater equality of rights among the inhabitants of the whole city." One does not readily perceive how it would secure more rights than every inhabitant of Boston possesses at the present time; but it might possibly, if practicable, secure a little more convenience in access to books. The card issued to every borrower gives the right to take one book from one of the popular libraries, and one from Bates Hall. As the book is charged at the library from which it is taken, the card of the borrower must accompany the demand, and when the book is returned must also go back so that it may be discharged and replaced in the collection from which it has been loaned. The telephonic convenience might communicate to the inquirer whether the particular book desired was on the shelves of the parent institution, and ready for issue, and notice could be given that the applicant's card would be sent by the usual daily communication with the district library; but the probable uses in this way would hardly authorize the expense of a support of telephonic lines. Any trial of a system of this description could be prudently deferred until the Bates Hall library shall be transferred to its new building.

The report of the Librarian will be read with much interest. The public will be gratified to learn the importance and value of some of the more considerable accessions to the Bates Hall by gift and purchase. The other summaries of the year's work will indicate, notwithstanding its magnitude, that the same careful attention has been exercised in the supervision of the various departments. The tables which form the Appendix furnish the means of analyzing the whole library system and its results. The details of administration specially connected with the Librarian's office are also fully stated herewith.

THE LIBRARY AND ITS WORK FOR THE YEAR.

The present extent of the Library collections, and their use by the general public during the past year, are herewith presented.

The aggregate number of volumes embraced in the Bates Hall collection is 279,245; in the Lower Hall, 39,519; in the branches, 119,830, — making a total of 438,594, a net increase for the year of 16,478; making an average per centage of gain in all departments of nearly four per cent.

The whole number of days on which the libraries were open to the public was 306.

The total use of books for the year was 1,056,906,—an increase of 11,004 over the previous year. These were distributed from the various libraries, as shown in the following table, also affording comparison with the work of the previous year: —

Name of Library.	No. of Vols. April 30, 1883.	In Use, 1882–83.	No. of Vols. April 30, 1884.	In Use, 1883–84.
Lower Hall	38,164	195,930	39,519	203,992
East Boston	11,263	100,940	11,549	95,442
South Boston	10,961	126,411	11,407	124,220
Roxbury	21,999	112,525	23,078	111,357
Charlestown	24,825	87,304	24,633	76,966
Brighton	13,190	28,257	13,354	26,141
Dorchester	11,910	67,558	12,469	72,173
South End	9,947	94,250	10,042	95,801
Jamaica Plain	8,976	49,137	9,416	51,271
West Roxbury	3,070		3,218	
North End	521	3,515	664	11,630
	154,900	865,827	159,349	871,993
Bates Hall	249,440	180,075	260,602	184,913
	404,340	1,045,902	419,951	1,056,906

A further inspection of the figures for the year will show that from the 50,225 volumes contained in the three popular libraries in the city proper, there were loaned 314,423 volumes; and from the seven branches in the district, with an aggregate of 109,124 volumes, the loans counted 557,570.

Notwithstanding this large use of the libraries a smaller

number of books is recorded as missing, in proportion to the circulation, than during any previous year. There are gone from Bates Hall 13 volumes; from the Lower Hall, 35; from East Boston and Jamaica Plain, one each; and from South Boston and Roxbury, four each; making a total of 58 volumes missing, or one to every 18,222 loaned.

The delivery of periodicals at the Central library and branches, is recorded at 541,738 as against 518,226 for the previous year. Of these 376,424 found use in the Boylston-street Reading-room.

THE NEW LIBRARY BUILDING.

After some preliminary discussion on the part of the city officials, on the 13th of August a letter was addressed to the Board of Trustees by the chairman of the committee on the Public Library, before proceeding to procure plans for the new reference library building, desiring to obtain the views of the Trustees upon the subject, and the President was requested, in consultation with the Board, to prepare and submit to the committee a statement of the principal features which the Trustees desire to have incorporated in the plan of the new building, particularly with reference to the interior arrangements, together with any suggestions which may aid the committee in preparing a specification for competitive designs.

On the 21st of August a draft was submitted to the Trustees, and on the 25th they considered the features of the proposed building, and the President reported to the Board the outlines of a communication to the city committee, which was referred to a sub-committee consisting of the President, Mr. George B. Chase, and the Librarian, to transmit to Aldermen Whitten, chairman of the committee, as the answer of the Board to his letter.

This was sent to the joint committee, and, after unexpected delay, was first put into print on the last of October, and the revised copy, with the additional rewards to successful competitors, was printed in December, and issued early in January, 1884. The time allowed for competitive designs to be sent in was subsequently extended from 1st of June to 1st of August of the present year.

From the important character of the proposed edifice, it has attracted the attention of architects in different sections of the United States and Canada, and there is reason to believe that valuable plans, involving much studious preparation, will be submitted.

Donations.

The Trustees have again the pleasure of acknowledging the continuous bounty of J. Ingersoll Bowditch, Esq., in the further contribution of five hundred dollars, to be expended in the purchase of mathematical works for the Bowditch library, — a library which has more than doubled in volumes by the means of purchase afforded the Trustees since it was deposited as a gift to the City of Boston for public use.

During the present year the city has received, under the will of Arthur Scholfield, a citizen of New York, though a native of Boston, the noble bequest of fifty thousand dollars, subject to annuities for three lives, at the expiration of which the income is to be devoted to the purchase of books of permanent value for the Bates Hall library.

In addition to these sums, there has been paid into the city treasury, under the will of Thomas Burdett Harris, Esq., a resident of Charlestown, a former Trustee and a warm friend of the Library, the sum of one thousand dollars, the income of which is to be used for the purchase of books for the Charlestown branch, making the whole endowment of this library for this object eleven thousand dollars, and constituting it the only branch beside that at Roxbury, which also has funds under the control of the Trustees of the Fellowes Athenæum, to purchase standard works for its collection.

It is earnestly to be hoped that other branches may find similar assistance from public-spirited residents of the districts in which they are situated, so that the popular libraries may grow to be institutions of wider scope and importance.

From the present outlook of the Public Library, the Trustees do not consider that more branches are needed at the present time for the public convenience. The establishment of delivery stations at a distance from certain of the branches seems to have afforded the accommodation desired by the neighborhoods, and the system may be continued at a very moderate expense.

During the past year two former Trustees of the Library have died, of whose services to the institution special mention is due.

Mr. Thomas G. Appleton was a member of the first Board of Trustees, resigning therefrom in the summer of 1856. From his first connection with the Library until his death he was its firm, consistent, and generous friend. Without recounting his other benefactions, his valued gift, in 1869, of the Tosti engravings, constitutes its most important art col-

lection, embracing 5,100 prints in bound volumes, several hundred more in portfolios, and a few others that are framed and hung in various apartments of the building. With the large attention now paid to the various forms of art, these engravings become day by day more valuable and important.

The valuable aid rendered by Mr. James J. Flynn, in securing the success of the vital project of a new library building, to front on Copley square, deserves public acknowledgment. No friend of this undertaking rendered more practical or efficient service.

In reviewing the library work for the year, the Trustees find that its character has sensibly improved, and that the executive department has fulfilled its arduous service in a manner most creditable to the officers employed, and, so far as had been made known, to the eminent satisfaction of the patrons of the institution.

WILLIAM W. GREENOUGH,
GEORGE B. CHASE,
JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE,
HENRY W. HAYNES,
JOHN H. LEE,
CHARLES V. WHITTEN.

NOTE. — Mr. Samuel A. B. Abbott, Trustee, is now absent in Europe.

BOSTON, June 25, 1884.

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REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

The present Examining Committee of the Public Library was appointed in the latter part of February, 1884, and was summoned to its first meeting early in March. As this report was desired before the end of May, the committee had less than three months in which to make its examination.

In this short time the committee had to investigate the general management of the Bates Hall, the Lower Hall, eight branches, and two deliveries; the principles upon which $30,000 worth of books purchased annually were selected, and were distributed among the above libraries; the methods by which these books were made accessible through catalogues, assistance from officials, etc.; the sufficiency of the libraries in meeting the demand upon them; the financial condition of the institution; and the efficiency of a force of over one hundred and fifty employés. It is evident that no committee could do this work properly in so short a time. Assuming that if there is to be an Examining Committee, it is desirable that it should have time sufficient to enable it to pass an intelligent judgment upon the working of this great institution, to point out any deficiencies, and to suggest improvements, we respectfully recommend that in future the Examining Committee be appointed immediately upon the termination of the labors of the preceding committee. The next committee would then have nearly a year for its investigations instead of the three months accorded the present committee.

Your committee begs leave to offer a few remarks upon certain matters connected with the Library which have attracted its especial attention. Many other questions worthy of investigation have not been touched upon, principally because there has not been time to examine them thoroughly.

THE BOOKS.

At the end of the library year 1883–4, the libraries contained 438,594 volumes, distributed as follows: In the Central library, exclusive of the Lower Hall, 279,245 volumes; in the Lower Hall, 39,519 volumes; in the eight branches, 115,948 volumes; and at the West Roxbury delivery and North End, 3,882 volumes.

Bates Hall contains, with few exceptions, a copy of every book owned by the Library, except works of fiction in English. The Lower Hall and branches are collections of duplicates of volumes in Bates Hall of a popular character, and of works of fiction in English.

BATES HALL.

Any one studying a subject, and wishing to examine the literature upon it, will probably be gratified in finding in Bates Hall many of the books he desires, but sometimes disappointed in discovering that books, which might fairly be expected to be found in the Library, are not in it. Deficiencies cannot, of course, be altogether avoided, as it is impossible for the Library, with its limited funds, to have every desirable book. But it is most important that the selection of books should be made with the widest knowledge possible of what has been and is being published. We find, however, that it is the duty of none of the employés of the Library to examine literary reviews, publishers' lists, etc., in order to learn what may be the new publications, or to endeavor to discover deficiencies in the collection now on the shelves, or to supply the Trustees with lists of books needed by the Library.

At present books are obtained for the Library as follows: First, the best American books are sent upon publication to the Trustees for examination; secondly, there are standing orders in England and France that new books of a certain class and of a limited value shall be forwarded without special order; thirdly, books are recommended as desirable for the Library to the Trustees, with whom it lies to purchase such books or not. Such recommendations are made principally by a few officers of the Library, and by a few scholars who have interested themselves in its growth, and some are made by readers in general. So long as this voluntary work continues to be done as well as at present the best new publications will doubtless be brought to the notice of the Trustees. But should anything interfere with the voluntary labors of a few employés, who have already enough to do in the line of their official duties, or should a few scholars cease to contribute their services, the Library would be seriously embarrassed, and it would become difficult to make a proper selection of books.

The Examining Committee of 1881 suggested that scholars be requested to examine the collections of the Library re-

lating to subjects with which they were familiar, and to specify the books needed upon such subjects. This suggestion was complied with, and the books in the following departments have been examined: Mathematics, Jurisprudence, Shakspeare literature, Music, and the books in the Parker Library. Works in French and German, principally of *belles-lettres*, have been examined during the last three years by Mr. T. S. Perry, who is still continuing his labors; and, finally, the works on Political Economy, this year by Mr. Carroll D. Wright, who reports as follows: —

Departments of Political Economy, Political Science, and Socialism.

These departments are rich indeed in the works pertaining to them; but few, if any, authors of note would be missed by the student, however elaborate he might wish to make his researches.

The standard French and German works on Political Economy are to be found, and many of the minor ones, while the English and American numbers are quite complete.

The managers of the Library have had the benefit of the suggestions of Professor Sumner, of Yale, who furnished in 1880 a very excellent list of works on Political Economy, and of others thoroughly acquainted with the department.

Political Science offers all that is requisite, while, under Socialism and Social Science, there seems to be a very full collection of works.

The branches of the Library contain a few of the older standard works on Political Economy and Political Science: it is suggested that they be supplied with some of the modern works on Political Economy and Political Science. Freeman's Comparative Politics, and Nordhoff's Politics for Young Americans, are found in but two or three of the branches. These two books should be in every branch. President Walker's work on Wages and his recent volume on Political Economy, Elements of Political Economy by Emile de Laveleye, and Mr. Weeden's Social Law of Labor, offer, for a brief list, the best works for the branches; these works step beyond the grounds of the older writers and give to the reader the freshness of modern thought on economic topics, as it has been affected by the modern system of industry.

The ultimate decision as to what books shall be purchased rests nominally with the Book Committee of the Trustees; in fact, the selection from the books recommended is made by the President of the Board. As long as the President is willing to devote so much time as at present to this work there can be no doubt that it is practically as well done as it could be in any other way; but it seems to this committee that this is too important a work to be allowed to remain dependent upon the power and health of any single honorary officer.

Another matter which has attracted our attention is this: Many of the foreign books, and most, if not all, of the continental periodicals, are procured through an agent in New York. One result of this arrangement is frequent delay in

the arrival of such periodicals. The number of *Le Livre* for April, reached the Library about a fortnight later than it reached the Harvard College Library; the numbers of the *Revue Internationale* are much behindhand at this moment, and frequently two or even three numbers of French and German weekly periodicals arrive at the same time. There is often delay, and occasionally error, with regard to the books. We therefore suggest that either an agent in Boston be appointed who can be seen if matters go wrong, or that the supply of continental publications be placed in the hands of some responsible person in Europe. We think that economy would be served by this change.

LOWER HALL AND BRANCH LIBRARIES.

As has been said, the Lower Hall and branches contain duplicates of the more popular works in the Bates Hall, and works of fiction in English. The Lower Hall contains nearly 40,000 volumes, and the eight branches from 9,000 to 14,000 each, supplied by the city, to which must be added the libraries belonging to Roxbury and Charlestown, presented to the city when these libraries became branches.

The books in the Lower Hall and branches resemble each other in class and character.

The Lower Hall collection may be divided roughly into books of History, Theology, Jurisprudence, Medicine, Useful and Fine Arts, Travels, Periodicals, Books of Reference, and Fiction and Juveniles. More than one-third of the collection falls under the last head of Fiction and Juveniles, and it is believed that about the same proportion of books in the branches is of this class.

It is obvious that neither Lower Hall nor the branches can have a copy of *every* book that might circulate freely if in them. Expense must be considered. Still it must be borne in mind that most of the readers who take books from the Lower Hall consult the Bates Hall little or not at all; and it appears that inexpensive books of a popular character other than fiction are often called for in the Lower Hall, but are to be found in Bates Hall only. In the opinion of this committee it would be well to reduce the number of duplicates of works of fiction, and thereby leave a larger sum applicable to the purchase of the better books above referred to.

Of the more popular novels there are sometimes as many as six copies in the Lower Hall alone, besides those supplied to the branches.

In this connection we may quote the following passage from the Trustees' Report of 1883, p. 5: "It does not seem

to the Trustees to be a legitimate use of public funds to purchase any considerable quantities of duplicate books, for the sake of present popularity, which, in the space of five years, shall cease to find readers."

FICTION, ITS CIRCULATION AND COST.

It is well known that the larger part of the circulation of the Lower Hall and branches is of works of fiction. The figures are instructive. In the year ending April 30, 1884, there were 159,349 volumes in the Lower Hall and branches. The circulation of fiction and juveniles during the year was 625,201 volumes; of books of all other classes 235,162 volumes.

Of the total circulation of 203,992 volumes from the Lower Hall, that of fiction and juveniles was $62\frac{37}{100}$ per cent., or 127,229 volumes, and of all other books 76,763 volumes.

Of the total number of books taken out from the Lower Hall, 168,926 were for home use and 35,066 for hall use.

But of the books issued for hall use very few are of fiction;[1] that is, the works of fiction are nearly always carried home to read. If, then, we deduct the works of fiction taken out, from the total number of works taken home, we have as a result 41,697 as the number of books, not of fiction, taken for home reading; and it is only books so taken from this hall which are actually read, as those issued for hall use are, in general, desired for momentary examination only. Even this number must be reduced by the unrecorded number of books taken nominally for home reading, but retained for a few moments only and returned unread.

The branches would show a still smaller proportion of the more instructive reading, as their percentages of circulation of fiction and juveniles range from 73 to $77\frac{1}{3}$ in place of the $62\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. of the Lower Hall.

More than half the books added to the Lower Hall, in the year 1883–4, were fiction and juveniles. Of the total of 1,604 books of this class, 406 were new books, 445 were duplicates, and 753 were worn-out volumes replaced.

At the end of from six months to a year from their arrival most works of fiction in the Lower Hall cease to be read. When such works have had their brief day, they remain a useless encumbrance to the shelves and catalogues.

As three-quarters of the whole circulation of the Lower Hall and branches is of fiction and juveniles, it is probably not too much to say that at least one-half the time of seventy-

[1] In this hall fiction is, in general, not allowed to go out for hall use.

five or more persons employed in these libraries, and one-half the $25,000, or more, paid to them in salaries, is expended upon the above class of books. There is also the cost of cataloguing and of binding, large items, in addition. Finally, much time is devoted, principally by the Librarian and Assistant Librarian of the Lower Hall, to examining new works of fiction, in order to ascertain whether they are of a character suitable for circulation.

It seems to the committee that the large cost of these books, the much larger expense involved in circulating them, and the encumbrance they become to the shelves, are matters deserving very serious consideration by the Trustees. The questions involved are too large to admit of solution by this committee in the limited time at its disposal.

As a partial remedy for the above evils we recommend that no duplicates of works of fiction be purchased, unless such works are of recognized value; that duplicates of fiction not of recognized value now on the shelves be withdrawn from the Lower Hall after the demand for them has ceased; and that, in future, works of fiction of some permanent worth only be purchased for the Library.

MORAL CHARACTER OF FICTION IN LOWER HALL AND BRANCHES.

The Trustees do not knowingly permit any immoral or demoralizing work to enter the shelves of these libraries, and they require an examination of every work of fiction in English before it is accepted. This examination is made principally by the Librarian and Assistant Librarian of the Lower Hall; and their continuous, careful, and conscientious labors in this direction deserve the highest commendation.

The standard which these works must attain to enter the Library is much higher than it was a few years ago; and we will only express a hope that this vigilance will be increased rather than relaxed, especially with regard to the books accessible to children.

CATALOGUES IN THE LOWER HALL.

For cataloguing purposes the books in the Lower Hall are divided into five classes, and of each class there is a separate printed catalogue. The Bulletins give a list, arranged by authors, of the books added to this hall during the four months preceding their issue; and advance sheets of a new Bulletin are now posted for inspection as soon as they are

received from the printer. There is also a series of written slips giving the titles of books received since the last Bulletin. Very recently a much-felt want has been supplied by posting in the Lower Hall written lists of the daily accessions to the shelves. The great demand is always for new books, and by consulting these lists readers can discover the latest arrivals. Finally, the card catalogue contains the titles of all the books in this Library.

We strongly urge that the above written slips and lists be printed by a type-writer instead of being posted in manuscript.

In this connection the committee begs leave to offer a further suggestion.

The printed catalogues of the books on Arts, Sciences, and Professions, in the Lower Hall, contain all the books in this library of the above classes on May 1, 1881, and they are of great value. But their very extent is an embarrassment to many readers, who do not know how to choose from the large number of books offered them. We believe it would be a valuable assistance if short lists were prepared of books upon different subjects included in the above classes, with not more than six books, for instance, upon any one subject, the title of each book being followed by a short estimate of the work. These lists should be kept alive by the addition of new books, when they arrive, but should never contain more than a very small number of books upon any one topic. It should be observed that readers dislike consulting *any* long catalogue if they can avoid it. We also recommend that, for the purpose of aiding mechanics whose occupations do not permit them to visit the Library, such short lists of books relating especially to Mechanics, be sent to all the leading manufacturers in Boston, and also that applications by mechanics for such works be facilitated by methods which the Trustees may approve.

Assistance to Lower Hall Readers.

The card catalogue of the Lower Hall is not accessible to the public, but is in the charge of a curator, who is constantly consulted, not only by readers desiring the shelf-numbers of books which they have not succeeded in finding in the catalogues, but also for advice as to the selection of books, and for information as to what books there may be upon subjects which interest the inquirer. This personal contact between officers familiar with the books and readers is most beneficial, and one of the most valuable features in the conduct of this Library. It offers an opportunity to place the best books in

readers' hands, and to elevate the character of the reading. It is gratifying to remark that this duty has been well and faithfully performed.

The committee approves highly of the permission recently given to school children, under fourteen years of age, to take out certain books not of fiction.

THE BRANCHES.

The committee having observed that much money is devoted to buying numbers of copies of popular books to be placed at the South End, which is but a short distance from the Central library, at South Boston, East Boston, etc., would inquire whether it would not be better to extend to the branches fuller use of the unrivalled abundance of the Central library, by making telephonic communication between it and the branches, whereby books could be applied for from the suburbs, and delivered speedily from the Central Library. This would secure greater equality of rights among the inhabitants of the whole city, and permit even more liberal purchases for the Boylston-street library. In thus rendering the branches rather delivery-stations than separate libraries, we think that economy in avoiding the purchase of so many duplicates would outweigh the slight loss of time.

If this change were made, the force of attendants at the branches might be advantageously reduced. Thus, to take a single instance, twelve persons are employed at South Boston, one of whom is a registration clerk. Even at present it appears that during several hours of the day there is a very small call for books at the branches, during which time a part of the force could be dispensed with. The committee further respectfully suggests that the branches might advantageously be visited a little more frequently by the Trustees.

The committee has observed with pleasure that the employés of the Library in general perform their duties faithfully and conscientiously, not infrequently devoting time outside their hours of duty to furthering the interests of the institution.

We concur in the following recommendation of those of our number to whom was committed the consideration of the financial condition of the Library. "It seems to us that some of the salaries are very low, especially some of those ranging from $450 to $900. This last named sum is paid to some of the female employés, who have very considerable accomplishments and skill necessary for the work

they do. The hours of labor are longer, and the vacation shorter than those of teachers in the public schools who receive higher pay, and with whose position theirs may fairly be compared."

Finally, the committee wishes to express its sincere appreciation of the continuous efforts of the Trustees on behalf of the Library, and to acknowledge the unfailing courtesy with which the Trustees and the officers of the Library have listened to inquiries and given the information desired.

EDWARD J. HOLMES,
THOMAS S. PERRY,
CHARLES H. DALTON,
RICHARD SULLIVAN,
CARROLL D. WRIGHT,
ROBERT GRANT,
BROOKE HERFORD,
ALEXANDER S. TWOMBLY,
CHARLES L. RANDALL,
Examining Committee.

[The Examining Committee wish to put on record an expression of their sense of the loss the Public Library has sustained by the sudden and untimely death of Mr. Edward J. Holmes, by whom this report was written. His faithful and laborious service, in the careful study of the working of this great institution, in all its minutest details, is apparent from the document itself; and it was confidently expected that the Library would have had the benefit of his continued interest in it. His last work on earth was to make the final corrections in the proof of this report. — H. W. H.]

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Trustees: —

I herewith respectfully submit my sixth annual report.

INCREASE OF THE LIBRARY.

During the last year the Public Library received the *net* increase of 16,478 volumes, and on the 30th April had reached the number of 438,594 volumes: 18,233 came by purchase; 3,815 by gift, and 159 by exchange; the apparent discrepancy between the net number of volumes and the increase as stated above being accounted for by the deduction of books lost or condemned.

Of the increase by purchase and by gift a detailed account is given in Appendixes II, VI, and IX.

The most noteworthy of the gifts are as follows: —

From the Municipal Council of Paris to the City of Boston, 12 volumes, titles and description of which are now given:

Atlas des Anciens Plans de Paris. 1 volume of text and 2 of 31 fac-simile plans.

Atlas des 20 Arrondissements de la Ville de Paris, in 1 volume.

Les Promenades de Paris. 1 volume of text and 1 of plates of plans; wood and steel engravings, and plates in colors.

Vues des Principaux Monuments. A series of 72 large photographs.

Direction des Eaux et des Égouts. 2 volumes. Plates.

Direction des Travaux: Reconstruction de l'Hôtel de Ville. 12 plates.

Ponts et Chaussées. Direction des Travaux de Paris. Service des Eaux et des Égouts. 2 volumes. 63 plates.

The occasion of this magnificent gift was the visit of the delegation of the City Government of Paris to the Exhibition of Foreign Products, Arts and Manufactures, held in Boston during the autumn of 1883. The volumes are all large folios, uniformly bound and tastefully lettered on the covers, and bearing the seal of the City of Paris, and the following

inscription: "Hommage du Conseil Municipal de Paris à la Municipalité de Boston."

These works were deposited, by direction of His Honor the Mayor, in the Public Library, and as an acknowledgment for the gift the City Council appropriated $1,000, which was expended in the purchase of 42 historical works relating to Boston and vicinity, which were suitably bound in the Public Library bindery, and forwarded to the Municipal Council of Paris.

In acknowledging their receipt in a letter addressed to His Honor the Mayor, the President of the Municipal Council says as follows: —

"Le Conseil a été vivement touché de la manifestation dont il était l'object de la part de la municipalité de Boston; il a décidé que des remerciements vous seraient adressés et que les magnifiques ouvrages dont vous lui faisiez don resteraient déposés dans sa bibliothèque spéciale, comme un témoignage des relations cordiales qui ne peuvent cesser d'exister entre les deux Cités de Boston et de Paris."

To the gifts named in my last report Mrs. R. Anne Nichols and Miss Caroline Coddington Thayer have added more than 100 volumes, this year, the greater number of which are *éditions de luxe*, or works extended with judicious care and skill, with portraits and illustrations of the most varied character and of great interest and value; but what especially may be mentioned are the works of Theodore Parker, in 40 volumes, in fine binding, including a collection of pamphlets, newspaper cuttings, and manuscripts, forming a most complete and painstaking memorial of loving regard and personal esteem.

From the British government has been received the annual contribution of British patents, this year, numbering 99 volumes. From Mrs. Helen A. Homans 372 volumes, and 2,855 pamphlets of a miscellaneous character, have been received; and from Mrs. J. D. W. Williams, whose husband was one of the earliest benefactors of the Library, and who practically manifested his interest in its welfare for the first ten or twelve years of its existence, by large gifts of books, were received 435 volumes and 774 pamphlets.

Charles Amory, Esq., has presented the original noctograph MS. of that portion of Prescott's "Conquest of Mexico," which was lacking to complete what was already in the possession of the Library, purchased at the sale of the letters and MSS. of James E. Root, in April, 1879.

One of the most interesting gifts to the Library has come from Abbott Lawrence, Esq. This consists of 17 broadsides, the earliest of which bears date 1693 and the latest 1785.

These documents, covering the period of the provincial charter, and several of which are supposed to be unique, throw new light upon several interesting periods of colonial history; the most important of these being the proclamation of the forgotten Stamp Act of 1755, enacted by the Colony of Massachusetts Bay during the government of Shirley, and designed by him to provide means for carrying on the war which overthrew the French power in America, and the remembrance of which prepared the minds of the colonists, ten years later, to resist the Imperial Stamp Act.

Many of the gifts are in answer to my requests for lacking numbers needed to complete our sets of serial publications, and a great deal in this direction has also been done by purchase, so that the catalogue of serials now shows nearly 6,000 titles.

Of the additions to the Library by purchase may be mentioned the "London Gazette," covering, with a few omissions, the period from 1793–1877, and comprising 226 large octavo volumes. This is an official organ of the British government. Its contents comprise royal proclamations, orders, and acts of council, acts of parliament, lists of civil, ecclesiastical, military, and naval promotions, and general state intelligence. The publication of the "Gazette" was begun in 1665. Not long after the addition of the volumes above named the Library was fortunate enough to secure one of the early volumes covering the years 1704 to 1708.

The London Quarterly Review, volumes 1–36, 1853–71. This work is the organ of the Methodist denomination in England, and is not to be confounded with the Quarterly Review, the political organ of the Tory party.

"Les travaux publics de la France," published in 1883 under the auspices of the Ministry of Public Works of France. This monumental work consists of 5 square folio volumes, with 539 illustrations, 250 phototypes, and a number of folded chromo-lithograph maps, in illustration and descriptive of roads and bridges, railroads, rivers, and canals, seaports, and light-houses of France.

Letarouilly's "Le Vatican et la Basilique de Saint Pierre de Rome," 2 folio volumes published in 1882, and comprising 264 plates.

"La vida de Lazarillo de Tormes" of Diego Hurtado de Mendoza was purchased for the Ticknor collection at the sale of the library of William Beckford. This is one of the extremely rare early editions, and was published at Antwerp in 1554; it was bound in brown morocco by C. Lewis, and bears the crest of P. A. Hanrott, whose library was sold in 1833.

A complete set of Cobbett's Political Register in 88 volumes, with the single omission of one number in volume 77, has been secured for the Library through the kind intervention of Miss Susan Cobbett, a surviving daughter of William Cobbett, who has supplemented her work for the Library in searching for lacking numbers of this set by the gift of two manuscript *Registers*, written by her father to King William the Fourth on his coming to the throne. They are particularly interesting, as there is much in them relating to America.

Mention also may be made of the important addition of Édouard Baldus's "Palais du Louvre et des Tuileries," published in 1875 in 3 folio volumes of 300 plates, and the completion of the set of the Palæontographical Society's publications by the addition this year of the first five and of the thirty-first volumes.

The persevering efforts of some of our agents have obtained for the Library many rare and valuable books, which have been on the order-list for years.

A photographic copy of an early map of the Massachusetts Colony, the original of which was discovered in the Sloane collection of the British Museum, by Mr. Henry F. Waters, and possessing great historical interest and value, has been made by order of the Trustees of the Library. It measures about 14 inches in width by about 20 in height, and shows the eastern part of the Massachusetts Company's grant, from the extreme point of Cape Ann as far west as what is now called Lake Cochituate.

There are good reasons for believing that it was drawn between 1632 and 1634, but by whom it was drawn is at present unknown. It was at one time in the possession of Governor John Winthrop, and contains several inscriptions in his handwriting which apparently are of a later date than the original preparation of the map. With the possible exception of Wood's map, it is the earliest map of Massachusetts of which anything is now known.

Library Facilities.

The Trustees have come into the possession of rooms in the old Blue Hill bank building, to which the Lower Mills delivery, enlarged by the addition of a reading-room with a full list of periodicals, was removed on Dec. 13, 1883.

The Dorchester, Brighton, and Jamaica Plain branches, have been fitted up during the year with reading-rooms, and additional periodicals added, and the statistics of their use show that the change has been appreciated. These heretofore had had a scanty list of periodicals, of which no account

of the use had been practicable under the then existing arrangements.

CIRCULATION.

The circulation of the entire Library for the 306 working days of the year was 1,056,906 volumes; a daily average of 3,454, and an increase of 11,000 over the circulation of last year. This gain is to be credited to the Central library, and the South End branch, which is in such close proximity as almost to be classed with the Central department, and the Dorchester branch; the remaining branches having fallen off very considerably from last year's figures. The greatest loss is at Charlestown, the number of books issued being over 10,000 less than for last year.

In this connection it is interesting to note that, in general, when the home-use of the books of the Library increases, the use of the periodical reading-rooms decreases, and *vice versa;* this was the case last year, and this year the Central department circulation has increased nearly 13,000, while the use of the reading-room has decreased nearly 6,500 periodicals; moreover, at the Charlestown branch the circulation has decreased about 10,000, and the reading-room has increased 2,000.

This falling off in the circulation at the branches may be attributed in part, at least, to the policy which the Trustees have adopted, of not supplying duplicate works of fiction, and of curtailing generally the amount of this class of literature for the branches. That this supposition is true is shown by a reference to Appendix XIV, where it will be seen that the percentages of fiction read at the branches have decreased, and of course the other classes have gained.

The increase of circulation of Bates Hall has been about 5,000 volumes, and an examination of the figures shows that the increase has extended through nearly all the classes into which the books are divided. In American, English, German and Italian history, however, there has been a considerable decrease.

The circulation of works on bibliography, French history, the classics, periodicals, law and medicine, has been much greater than ever before. The increase in the use of periodicals, which is certain to be much greater hereafter than now, is clearly due to the indexes so freely supplied, especially to Poole's Index, which, in one volume, furnishes a key to the most valuable miscellaneous English serials published during this century. This is referred to more and more as readers become acquainted with its merits and learn the mode of its use.

Circulation in the Lower Hall.

From the following tables the Trustees will see the character of the books circulated during the last two years: —

Percentages of Lower Hall Circulation by Classes for 1882–3 and 1883–4.

	1882–83.	1883–84.
Fiction and Juveniles,	61.49	62.37
History and Biography,	7.26	7.54
Voyages and Travels,	4.57	4.08
Science, Art, etc.,	9.47	9.24
Periodicals, bound,	5.11	5.32
Foreign Languages,	4.41	4.22
Miscellaneous, Poetry, etc.,	7.69	7.23

The above figures show a very slight increase, less than 1 per cent., however, in the use of fiction; and this largely in stories of a higher grade, often incorporating, as in the books of Ebers, so much of history or national life as to render their shelf location a matter of question. French books are not largely placed in this hall, but the series of works by popular writers in German, added of late, are in constant demand by an increasing class of readers of foreign birth.

Catalogues.

During the past year the books in the West Roxbury branch library have been rearranged; a shelf-list has been prepared, and also a card catalogue. A new Hand-book for readers has been published, in an enlarged form, containing the rules and regulations of the Library, and much information in regard to the Library and its various collections of books.

A change has been made in the time of issuing the Bulletin, which now appears three times a year instead of quarterly, the midsummer number being omitted. In addition to the titles of new books, the Bulletin, during the past year, has contained an index of articles upon American local history in historical collections in the Library, with notes and titles of books on the Bible, the Eddas, the Shakespeare-Bacon question, Benjamin Franklin, Matthew Arnold, etc. The Barton catalogue is nearly ready for the printer.

During the period from May 1, 1883, to May 1, 1884,

23,976 volumes have been catalogued (including the West Roxbury branch library and 2,539 serial volumes), and also 8,106 pamphlets and parts of volumes. 100,903 cards have been added to the catalogues of the Central library and branches, including 7,565 old cards revised, but not including those made for the Barton catalogue.

Attendants at the desks in Bates Hall report that there have been fewer applications for assistance, on the part of readers, than in former years. Taking into account the growth in the circulation, this can be explained only by supposing that our system of cataloguing is becoming more clearly understood by those who frequent this part of the Library; in other words, that readers are rapidly learning the art of helping themselves. That our catalogue can be easily understood, in most of the details, by people of average intelligence, is clearly shown by the fact that boys and girls of a dozen or fifteen years of age have no difficulty in finding the works they are seeking.

The work of the Lower Hall catalogue department has taken more of an educational turn than ever before. The total of applications for help is a trifle less, but they show a wider range of practical research and a spirit of investigation remarkably active among us. On the whole, the one thing to be noted this year is that the people of our city have never known and used so much of the Library and its helpful influences as they do now through this department.

In conclusion, it is interesting to know that of the 1,056,906 volumes taken from the Library, last year, only 58, or one in 18,222, failed to be returned, and that the branches, with an aggregate circulation of 668,000 volumes, lost only 10 of these.

This state of things indicates that the entirely free and unrestricted manner in which all comers are accorded the use of books without the slightest security is met by a corresponding desire to show how much this implicit trust can be relied upon, and the result does not fail to be of the most satisfactory character.

MELLEN CHAMBERLAIN,
Librarian.

MAY 1, 1884.

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TO THE

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

1884.

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APPENDIX I.

EXTENT OF THE LIBRARY BY YEARS.

	Years.	Total volumes in the Libraries.	Pamphlets added from the beginning.		Years.	Total volumes in the Libraries.	Pamphlets added from the beginning.
1	1852–53	9,688	961	17	1868–69	152,796	61,177
2	1853–54	16,221	3,950	18	1869–70	160,573	74,770
3	1854–55	22,617	6,507	19	1870–71	179,250	89,746
4	1855–56	28,080	12,386	20	1871–72	192,958	100,383
5	1856–57	34,896	16,053	21	1872–73	209,456	112,153
6	1857–58	70,851	17,938	22	1873–74	260,550	134,628
7	1858–59	78,043	19,255	23	1874–75	276,918	150,921
8	1859–60	85,031	20,707	24	1875–76	297,873	181,653
9	1860–61	97,386	27,381	25	1876–77	312,010	196,958
10	1861–62	105,034	28,874	26	1877–78	345,734	212,414
11	1862–63	110,563	31,043	27	1878–79	360,963	227,010
12	1863–64	116,934	31,837	28	1879–80	377,225	236,534
13	1864–65	123,016	32,553	29	1880–81	390,982	250,495
14	1865–66	130,678	36,566	30	1881–82	404,221	261,056
15	1866–67	136,080	44,443	31	1882–83	422,116	275,425
16	1867–68	144,092	47,254	32	1883–84	438,594	292,793

NOTE. — The aggregate of pamphlets "added from the beginning" includes many since bound, singly or in groups (which are now counted among volumes), and a very large number of duplicates which are thrown out and put among the pamphlets held for exchange.

VOLUMES IN LIBRARY AND BRANCHES, 1883–84.

Central Library.	Bates Hall	260,602	East Boston	11,549
	Newspaper room	3,658	South Boston	11,407
	Duplicate room	14,985	Charlestown	24,633
	Lower Hall	39,519	Brighton	13,354
	Total, Central Library	318,764	Dorchester	12,469
Roxbury Branch	Fellowes Athenæum	8,916	South End	10,042
	City part	14,162	Jamaica Plain	9,416
	Total, Roxbury Branch	23,078	West Roxbury delivery	3,218
			North End	664

APPENDIX II.

YEARLY INCREASE OF THE WHOLE LIBRARY BY PURCHASE AND BY GIFTS.

NOTICE. — The increase of volumes is not the sum of those added by gift and purchase, etc., because lost and condemned books are deducted.

YEARS.	INCREASE.		GIFTS.		Purchases, including those charged to funds and added by exchange.		Fellowes Athenæum.	Givers, excluding anonymous.
	Vols.	Pamph.	Vols.	Pamph.	Vols.	[1]Pamph	Vols.	
1852–81	395,177	251,538	143,745	178,866	250,474	67,974	7,143	12,583
1881–82	12,239	10,561	5,291	8,773	15,986	2,068	745	520
1882–83	17,895	14,369	5,340	11,844	16,222	2,525	522	575
1883–84	16,478	17,368	3,815	16,203	18,392	1,165	531	778

[1] Includes pamphlets added both by purchase and exchange, as taken from the Accession catalogue.

[2] Included in previous columns. The volumes are not the property of the Public Library, but form a part of the Roxbury branch, by agreement.

Details for the years 1852–81 can be found in Appendix II. to the Report for 1881.

APPENDIX III.

VOLUMES IN THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS OF BATES HALL.

	1873	1874	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884
Patent library . .	2,120	2,323	2,457	2,596	2,731	2,823	2,897	3,003	3,066	3,142	3,259	3,382
Bowditch library[1]	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,592	2,932	3,043	3,060	3,152	3,224	3,456	3,701
Parker library[1] .	11,907	11,907	11,935	12,292	12,291	12,296	12,309	12,322	12,337	12,363	13,952	13,971
Prince library . .	1,970	1,970	1,970	1,970	2,028	2,029	2,037	2,159	2,230	2,274	2,327	2,397
Ticknor library .	3,907	3,907	3,940	4,285	4,929	5,171	5,354	5,432	5,454	5,463	5,507	5,544
Barton library .	. . .	12,057	11,902	12,108[2]	12,804	13,950	14,210	14,301	14,360	13,487	13,610	13,610
Franklin library .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	202	240	292	357
Thayer library .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	893	920	1,085

[1] See Appendix VII.

[2] The number given in 1874 was as near as could be reckoned before the entry on the Accession catalogue was made. The number given in 1875 is what had actually been entered, and the full number is given since these dates.

APPENDIX IV.

VOLUMES LOCATED IN THE LOWER HALL.

	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884
Reported the preceding year	32,596	33,395	35,152	35,478	35,862	36,116	36,505	37,717	37,186	38,164
Added during the year	3,385	3,570	3,830	2,728	2,339	2,483	2,376	2,576	2,378	2,716
Total	35,981	36,965	38,982	38,206	38,201	38,599	38,881	40,293	39,564	40,880
Books transferred to Bates Hall	37	394	19	22	12	14	5	3	7	4
Books transferred to Branches and Duplicate room	10	.....	27	755	11	297	1	606	.....	4
Condemned during the year	2,539	1,419	1,655	1,567	2,062	1,783	1,153	2,498	1,393	1,353
Losses of ten years	.....	.....	1,803	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total left	33,395	35,152	[1]35,478	35,862	36,116	36,505	37,717	37,186	38,164	39,519

[1] Actual count.

NOTE.—The "Losses of ten years" are explained in Appendix X. to the Report for 1877.

APPENDIX V.

INCREASE OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

		1881	1882	1883	1884
Bates Hall.	Gain in books . .	8,506	8,750	11,729	11,216
	Condemned and transferred . .	184	19	25	54
	Net gain	8,322	8,731	11,704	11,162
Lower Hall.	Gain in books . .	2,376	2,576	2,378	2,716
	Less transfers and condemned books	1,164	*	1,400	1,361
	Net gain	1,212	. . .	978	1,355
Newspaper room.	Gain in books . .	69	41	98	55
	Less loss	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
	Net gain	69	41	98	55
Duplicate room.	Gain by addition .	386	936	1,764	1,340
	Less loss by exchanges, etc. .	1,233	223	781	528
	Net gain	. . .	713	983	812
	Loss	847			
E. Boston branch.	Gain in books . .	587	596	604	666
	Condemned and lost	377	372	379	383
	Net gain	210	223	225	286
S. Boston branch.	Gain in books . .	995	1,000	766	1,105
	Condemned and lost	644	485	304	659
	Net gain	351	515	462	446
Roxbury branch.	Gain in city part .	811	839	1,090	976
	Condemned and lost	335	260	757	428
	Net gain . . .	476	579	333	548
	Fellowes Athenæum. (Net gain)	2,111	745	522	531
	Total gain . . .	2,587	1,324	855	1,079

		1881	1882	1883	1884
Charlestown branch.	Gain in books . .	1,568	1,533	1,326	1,199
	Condemned and lost	425	675	561	1,391
	Net gain	1,143	858	765	***loss 192
Brighton branch.	Gain in books . .	183	108	140	262
	Condemned and lost	26	56	97	98
	Net gain	117	52	51	164
Dorchester branch.	Gain in books . .	640	828	767	961
	Condemned and lost	128	93	189	402
	Net gain	512	735	578	559
J. Plain branch.	Gain in books . .	450	460	569	559
	Condemned and lost	23	96	195	1 9
	Net gain	427	364	374	440
South-End branch.	Gain in books . .	215	410	515	386
	Condemned and lost	206	197	288	291
	Net gain	9	213	227	95
Total increase.	Bates Hall gain .	8,322	8,731	11,704	11,162
	Lower Hall gain .	1,212	loss 531	978	1,355
	Newspaper-room gain	69	41	98	55
	Duplicate-room gain	. . .	713	983	812
	E. B. branch gain,	210	223	225	286
	S. B. branch gain,	351	515	462	446
	Rox. branch gain,	476	579	333	548
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	Chn. branch gain,	1,143	858	765	loss 192
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	Dor. branch gain .	512	735	578	559
	J. P. branch gain .	427	364	374	440
	S.E. branch gain .	9	213	227	95
	W. Rox. branch gain	. .	. . . .	74	74
	N.E. branch gain,	. . .	. . . .	521	143
	Total gain . . .	14,113	**13,239	17,895	16,478

* There is a loss of 531 volumes for 1882, owing to the transfer of a large number of duplicates to the duplicate room, and also to the fact that the number of books condemned this year exceeds those supplied.

** This total gain includes the 1 vol. at the West Roxbury delivery gained during 1882.

*** This excessive loss at Charlestown is required to correct a mistake of some years' standing in the aggregate number of volumes, which is reported correctly this year in Appendix I.

APPENDIX VI.

INCREASE FROM NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOKS.

	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884
English books with British imprint . . .	1,533	2,830	2,237	1,763	1,781	1,555	1,841	2,091	2,058	2,113
English books with American imprint . .	7,365	10,501	6,761	5,546	5,295	5,637	4,346	4,856	4,755	4,683
English books with Continental imprint .	375	316	180	191	233	238	186	235	232	265
Foreign books	767	1,858	1,742	1,269	1,372	1,399	1,245	1,411	1,427	1,655
Total	10,040	15,505	10,920	8,769	8,681	8,829	7,618	8,593	8,472	8,716

APPENDIX VII.

BATES HALL CLASSIFICATIONS.

(Representing books located only.)

Class No.	Classes.	General Library.			Special Libraries.									Total, including special libraries.
		Located 1883-84.	Condemned and transferred. Deducted.	Total in general library, May 1, 1884.	1858. Bowditch library.	1861. Parker library.	1866. Prince library.	1871. Tickner library.	1873. Barton library.*	1877. Thayer library.	1880. Franklin library.	Patent library.		
I.	Cyclopædias, etc.	33	.....	1,718	244	313	6	....	21	....	....	....		2,302
II.	Bibliography and literary history	285	.....	6,629	34	614	3	275	689	....	5	....		8,249
III.	General history, biography, travel, and geography	353	2	7,767	16	706	54	33	135	42	....	....		8,754
IV.	American history, geography, biography, travel, and polite literature	1,590	1	30,900	96	1,094	866	270	960	81	276	299		34,842
V.	English history, etc.	1,404	4	25,133	75	858	84	27	3,235	562	9	2,794		32,771
VI.	French history, etc.	570	4	14,973	59	519	7	56	2,483	198	5	259		17,659
VII.	Italian history, etc.	456	.....	8,090	9	325	2	31	341	33	....	2		8,833
VIII.	German history, etc.	561	23	8,577	7	1,404	8	25	254	39	....	22		10,336
IX.	Greek, Latin, and philology	187	3	5,713	6	1,189	196	131	623	14	3	....		7,866
X.	Spanish and Portuguese history and literature	82	.....	1,300	21	95	....	3,701	209	11	....	....		5,328
XI.	Other history, geography, biography, travel, and literature	502	.....	7,065	2	396	1	1	203	3	....	4		7,695
XII.	Periodicals and transactions	777	.....	18,914	1,088	764	5	243	471	5	....	....		21,490
XIII.	Theology, ecclesiastical history, etc.	829	3	19,955	144	3,491	1,042	378	288	35	8	....		25,341
XIV.	Metaphysics and social science	386	.....	8,649	5	1,359	49	129	138	5	24	....		10,349
XV.	Jurisprudence	410	.....	4,617	3	307	13	58	30	....	....	2		5,030
XVI.	Political economy	147	.....	2,775	65	98	....	24	17	....	....	....		2,979
XVII.	Medical science	410	.....	12,260	3	75	22	5	35	....	3	....		12,403
XVIII.	Natural history and science	366	3	8,057	14	170	....	31	89	2	....	....		8,363
XIX.	Mathematics and physical science	437	3	9,660	1,890	126	20	61	47	1	18	....		11,743
XX.	Useful arts	269	.....	5,683	4	13	....	31	15	....	4	....		5,750
XXI.	Fine arts	382	3	6,876	....	54	1	8	43	43	....	....		7,025
XXII.	Bound volumes of miscellaneous pamphlets	...	.....	468	6	....	....	....	73	....	....	....		547
XXIII.	Bound volumes of manuscripts	10	.....	81	....	....	18	41	62	....	2	....		204
XXIV.	Shakespeare	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	3,158	11	....	....		3,169
XXV.	Books for the blind	1	.....	354	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....		354
	Totals	10,467	49	215,334	3,701	13,971	2,397	5,544	†13,610	1,085	357	3,382		259,381

EXPLANATION. — Class III. includes general history, etc., when embracing several countries, and collected works of historians.

Class IV. includes the collected works of American writers, and what of American literature is sometimes termed polygraphy.

Classes V., VI., VII., and VIII. have the same scope for the respective countries that Class IV. has for America. Class VIII. includes also Belgium, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and the Scandinavian nations.

Class XIV. includes political science and ethics, applied and unapplied, education, phrenology, etc.

Class XIX. includes mechanics, military and naval arts, agriculture, domestic arts, etc.

Class XXIV. does not include the Shakespeare collection of the general library.

The subdivisions of classes are kept in ranges by themselves, so that for purposes of enumeration or learning percentage of use, it is practicable at any time to get exact figures upon the subdivisions; as also upon such points as biography, travel, and voyages, etc., by summing the results of the ranges devoted to them in the several alcoves.

NOTE. — The dates given in the special libraries column show the year when they were acquired by the library.

Details for years previous to 1882 can be found in Appendix VIII. to the Report for 1881.

* Includes all books in room G, — 12,108 of them belonging to the Barton library, as originally shelved there.

† There were added to this collection 24 volumes, and a like number were transferred to the General library, causing a change in the amounts of certain classes, but leaving the total unchanged.

APPENDIX VIII.

LOWER HALL CLASSIFICATIONS.

CLASSES.	1883				1884	To be deducted.		
	Total May 1,	New books added.	Duplicates added,	Condemned books replaced.	Total added 1883–84.	Transferred to B. H. & Duplicate Room.	Condemned.	Total in L. H. April 30, 1884.
Theology, moral and intellectual science, etc.	2,005	32	2	2	36	3	10	2,028
Jurisprudence and political science	399	26	2	3	31	. .	3	427
Medicine, mathematics, physics or natural science	2,655	87	17	10	114	1	18	2,750
Useful and fine arts, military and naval science	979	46	5	10	61	. .	9	1,031
American history and politics	1,226	41	36	18	95	. .	29	1,292
Foreign history and politics	1,606	31	8	6	45	. .	7	1,644
Poetry, drama, oratory, rhetoric	3,364	67	28	14	109	. .	34	3,439
English prose fiction, including juvenile fiction, and other juvenile books	13,498	406	445	753	1,604	4	1,000	14,098
Biography	2,826	116	42	20	178	. .	28	2,976
Travels	2,441	72	44	17	133	. .	31	2,543
Libraries, collections, periodicals, etc.*	3,854	87	39	72	198	. .	139	3,913
German books	1,546	62	. .	14	76	. .	35	1,587
Italian books	156	. . .	. .	. . .	. . .	. .	. . .	156
French books	1,171	26	. .	3	29	. .	7	1,193
Spanish books	4	1	. .	. . .	1	. .	. . .	5
Books of reference	434	5	. .	1	6	. .	3	437
Extent of L. H. collection	38,164	1,105	668	943	2,716	8	1,353	39,519

Reported last year 38,164

Gain in 1883–84 1,355

* This class, embracing sets like Bohn's "Libraries," etc., includes many books, of course, which, in a minute classification, would have been divided among all the previous heads of this table.

NOTE. — The column of "Condemned books replaced," includes books condemned in previous years as well as in the current year. The column "Total added" shows the number of volumes as put upon the shelves, counting as one those bound two volumes in one, etc.

APPENDIX IX.

GIFTS, MAY 1, 1883, TO APRIL 30, 1884.

Givers (excluding anonymous)	778
Volumes	3,815
Pamphlets	16,203

GIVERS.	Vols.	Pphs.
Abbott, Samuel A. B. . . . . 1 broadside		2
Academia Real das Sciencias, *Lisbon, Portugal*	16	3
Adams, Charles Francis, *Jr.*	1	1
Adams, J. W., *Carson City, Nev.*		3
Addeman, J. E., *Providence, R.I.*		1
Albèri, *Signorina* Giulia, *Florence, Italy*	1	
Allen, J. C., *Leominster*		1
Allen, Nathaniel T., *West Newton*		1
Allison, William O., *New York City*	1	
American Academy of Arts and Sciences	2	3
American Antiquarian Society, *Worcester*	1	2
American Association for the Advancement of Science, *Salem*	1	
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions		2
American Church Review Association, *New York City*, ... 1 chart		
American Institute of Mining Engineers, *Philadelphia, Pa.*	1	
American Iron and Steel Association, *Philadelphia, Pa.*	1	1
American Philosophical Society, *Philadelphia, Pa.*	1	
American Society of Civil Engineers, *New York City*	2	
American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society, *New York City*	40	
American Unitarian Association	3	1
Ames, Oakes, Sons of	1	
Ames Free Library, *North Easton*	2	
Amherst College, *Amherst*		6
Andover Theological Seminary Library, *Andover*	1	
Angell, J. B., *Ann Arbor, Mich.*		1
Anonymous . . . . . 1 map	31	917
Anthony, *Hon.* Henry B., *Providence, R.I.*		23
Antioch College, Yellow Springs, *Ohio*, . 1 broadside		3
Appleton, Nathan	3	
Appleton, William S.	1	
Apprentices' Library, *Philadelphia, Pa.*		1
Archæological Institute of America		1
Archives of Comparative Medicine and Surgery, *New York City*	4	
Argentine Legation, *New York City*	1	
Asch, M., *Gardelegen, Germany*		1
Asociacion de Ingenieros Industriales, *Barcelona, Spain*	11	18
Associated Charities of Cambridge		1
Astor Library, *New York City*		2
Ayer, J. C., *M.D., Lowell*	1	

GIVERS.	Vols.	Pphs.
Ayling, Augustus D., *Concord, N.H.*	5	1
Badenfeld, Charles, *Chelsea*	4	
Baker, J. L.		4
Baker, W. H., *M.D.*		1
Baldwin, Charles C., *Cleveland, Ohio*	1	3
Balfour, David M.	3	2
Ballou, Maturin M.	17	
Bangs, E. D., *Amherst*		1
Bank Presidents' Association		12
Barr, *Miss* Mary F., *Washington, D.C.*		1
Barrow-in-Furness, *England*, Free Public Library		2
Bartlett, *Mrs.* M. D., *Mendon*		1
Battle, Kemp P., *Raleigh, N.C.*		1
Beadle, D. W., *St. Catharines, Ontario*		3
Beloit College, *Beloit, Wis.*		1
Ben, W., *Newcastle-on-Tyne, England*	1	
Bender, P., *M.D.*	2	
Benét, *Brig.-Gen.*, S.V., *Washington, D.C.*	1	
Berkshire Baptist Association, *Pittsfield*		1
Bethune, G. A., *M.D.*	1	
Bibliographie de Belgique, *Brussels, Belgium*		20
Bibliothek des Deutschen Reichstages, *Berlin, Germany*	11	
Bibliothèque Nationale, *Paris, France*		1
Bigelow Free Public Library, *Clinton*		1
Biker, Julio Firmino Judice, *Lisbon, Portugal*	2	
Billings, John S., *M.D.*	1	
Birmingham Free Libraries and Museums, *England*	1	
Blaisdell, Frank C.		3
Blake, *Miss* H. C.		5
Bolton, *Prof.* H. Carrington, *Hartford, Conn.*		1
Bolton, *Mrs.* Sarah K., *Cleveland, Ohio*	1	
Boston, City of	212	23
——— Auditor	1	
——— Board of Health		1
Boston City Missionary Society		1
Boston Commercial Exchange		2
Boston Fish Bureau		1
Boston Gas Light Company	2	
Boston Medical Library		1
Boston Port and Seamen's Aid Society		1
Boston School of Languages		1
Boston Society for Medical Improvement	1	
Boston Society of Natural History	2	2
Boston University		2
Boston Young Men's Christian Union		1
Bostonian Society		1
Bourinot, John George, *Ottawa, Canada*		1
Boutwell, Francis M., *Groton*		1
Bowdoin College, *Brunswick, Me.*		1
Bowles, William C., *Ottawa, Canada*	1	
Bowman, *Hon.* S. Z., *Washington, D.C.*	2	
Bradlee, *Rev.* Caleb D., a lot of broadsides, 1 map, 169 newspapers	8	307
Bradstreet Company, *New York City*	1	
Bramsen, William, Bequest of . . . . 2 charts	2	
Brewer, *Mrs.* Gardner	8	3
Brinton, Daniel G., *M.D., Media, Pa.*	1	
British Museum, *London, England*	2	
Brooke-Rawle, William, *Philadelphia, Pa.*		1

GIVERS.	Vols.	Pphs.
Brookline Public Library		1
Brooklyn Library, *Brooklyn, N. Y.*		2
Brooks, Fred.		2
Brooks, *Rev.* W. H., *Hanover*		2
Brown, A. and F., *New York City*		1
Brown, Arthur N., *Mexico*	1	
Brown, Francis H., *M. D.* 8 broadsides	4	455
Brown, G. W., *M.D., Rockford, Ill.*		1
Brown, John Coffin Jones	1	
Brown, Samuel G., *D.D., Brunswick, Me.*		1
Brown University, *Providence, R.I.*		2
Browne, *Miss* Alice		2
Bryant, H. W., *Portland, Me.*		1
Buchanan, Joseph R., *M.D.*	1	
Buel, J. A. & Co., *Springfield, Ohio*		1
Buff & Berger		1
Buffalo Historical Society, *Buffalo, N. Y.*		2
Bulkeley, *Hon.* Morgan G., *Hartford, Conn.*	1	
Bunker, Alfred	10	
Burnham, Benjamin F.	1	
Burnham, George, *Philadelphia, Pa.*		1
Butler, George, *New York City*		1
Byram, E. R.	1	
Caldwell, Augustine		1
Calvert George H., *Newport, R.I.*	1	
Cambridge (*England*) Public Free Library		1
Campbell, Archibald, *Auburn, N. Y.*		3
Canadian Entomologist, *London, Ontario*		1
Carazo, Manuel, *San José, Costa Rica*	4	
Carnahan, James R., *Indianapolis, Ind.*	1	
Carpenter, C. C., *Fishkill, N. Y.* 1 broadside		
Carpenter, *Rev.* H. Bernard	1	
Carret, José F.		7
Cartée, Cornelius S., *M.D.*	5	
Cary Thomas G., *Cambridge*	1	
Chamberlain, *Hon.* Mellen	1	1
Chandler, Willard H., *Windsor, Wis.*	1	
Chapman, A. F.		1
Charlestown Free Dispensary and Hospital		6
Chauncey, Elihu	1	
Chicago Historical Society, *Chicago, Ill.*	2	1
Chicopee, Library Committee		1
Children's Aid Society, *New York City*		1
Christern, F. W., *New York City*	5	
Church Home for Orphan and Destitute Children		1
Cincinnati, *Ohio*, Public Library	2	1
——— ——— School Board	1	
Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, *Cincinnati, Ohio*	1	
Cincinnati Observatory, *Cincinnati, Ohio*		1
Clark, *Dr.* Charles E.	1	
Clark, J. H.	19	
Clarke, *Rev.* James Freeman	1	2
Clarke Institution for Deaf Mutes, *Northampton*		1
Cleveland, *Ohio*, Public Library	1	
Cobb, *Hon.* Samuel C.	2	
Cobden Club, *London, England*	2	4
Codman & Shurtleff		1
Coffin, Charles C.		1
Colby University, *Waterville, Me.*		2

GIVERS.	Vols.	Pphs.
Collar, William C.		1
College of the Holy Cross, *Worcester*		7
College of New Jersey, *Princeton, N.J.*		6
Collins, Frank S., *Malden*, 2 newspapers, 5 portraits, 6 prints	134	706
Collins, *Hon.* P. A.	1	
Columbian University, *Washington, D.C.*		1
Conant, Frederick O., *Portland, Me.* 1 broadside		
Conarroe, George M., *Philadelphia, Pa.*		2
Connecticut, Adjutant-General, *Hartford Conn.*	9	7
Cook, George H., *New Brunswick, N.J.*		2
Cook, George J.	2	1
Cook, Rymes & Co.	8	
Corliss, George, *Philadelphia, Pa.*		1
Cornell University, *Ithaca, N.Y.*	1	11
Cosby, G. B., *Sacramento, Cal.*	2	
Costello, Martin J., *Clinton*		1
Council Bluffs, *Iowa.* Public Library		1
Crawford, T. H., *Portland, Oregon*		1
Crofton, F. Blake, *Halifax, Nova Scotia*		1
Crosby, John L., *Bangor, Me.*	1	1
Cross, James M., *Providence, R.I.*		1
Crumrine, E. E., *Washington, Pa.*	1	
Cullum, *Maj.-Gen.* George W., *Washington, D.C.*		1
Cumming & Brinkerhoff, *New York City*	1	
Curtis, *Prof.* H. S., *West Point, N.Y.*		1
Curwen, Robert, *New York City*	11	
Cutter, Abram E.	10	88
Darling, C. W., *Utica, N.Y.*		2
Dartmouth College, *Hanover, N.H.*	1	1
Davenport, George E., *Medford*		2
Davis, *Hon.* Alonzo, *Fitchburg*	1	
Davis, Andrew McFarland, *Worcester*		1
Davis, George L., *North Andover*	1	
Davis, *Rev.* Valentine D., *Liverpool, England*		1
Day, Albert, *M.D.*		2
Dean, John Ward		2
Deane, Charles		1
De Bernardy Brothers, *London, England*		1
Deblois, Stephen Grant	1	
DeCosta, *Rev.* Benjamin F., *New York City*		1
Dedham Historical Society	1	
Delisle, Léopold, *Paris, France*	1	
Dennet, Charles F., *Brighton, England*	1	
Dennet, William H.	1	6
De Peyster, *Gen.* John Watts, *New York City*	5	6
Dewey, *Mrs.* Melvil		52
De Wolf, James R., *M.D., Halifax N.S.*	2	
Dickerman, *Rev.* Lysander	1	
Dillaway, Charles K.	3	
Dimmock, George, *Cambridge*		1
Dix, John H., *M.D.*		1
Dixwell, *Mrs.* J. J.		36
Donner, Arthur 1 map		
Drowne, Henry T., *New York City*		1
Drury College, *Springfield, Mo.*		1
Dubbs, *Rev.* Joseph Henry, *Lancaster, Pa.*		1
Dubuque, H. A., *Fall River*		1
Durfee, William F., *Bridgeport, Conn.*		2

GIVERS.	Vols.	Pphs.
Dwight, Theodore F., *Washington, D.C.*	2	6
Dyer, Elisha, *Jr., Providence, R.I.*	1	
Easterbrook, H. H.	1	
Eaton, Dorman B., *Washington, D.C.*		1
Eddy, R. H.	1	
Edison Electric Light Company, *New York City*		4
Edmands, John, *Philadelphia, Pa.*		1
Ellis, John, *M.D., Edgewater, N.J.*		1
Ellis, *Rev.* Rufus		2
Emerick, Albert G., *Philadelphia Pa.*		1
Emery, George E., *Lynn* 2 maps		
Engineering News Publishing Co., *New York City*		1
Engineers' Club, *Philadelphia, Pa.*	1	2
Engler, *Prof.* Edmund A., *St. Louis, Mo.*		2
Essex Institute, *Salem*	2	
Evening Post Publishing Company, *New York City*	2	
Ewich, Otto, *M.D., Cologne, Germany*		1
Fairmount Park Art Association, *Philadelphia, Pa*		1
Faries, T. A., *Baton Rouge, La.*		7
Farmer, E. J., *Cleveland, Ohio*	1	
Farnham, *Rev.* J. M. W.	1	
Faxon, Henry H.	2	15
Fay, Francis B., Heirs of, *South Lancaster*, a lot of broadsides and newspapers	2	200
Fellows, James I., *New York City*		2
Field, Richard M.	1	
Fisher, Charles H., *M.D., Providence, R.I.*	1	
Fisher, Theodore W., *M.D.*		1
Fletcher Free Library, *Burlington, Vt.* 1 newspaper		2
Flores, Antonio	2	
Flügel, *Dr.* Felix, *Leipzig, Germany*	1	
Fogg, E. T., *South Scituate*		1
Folger, *Hon.* Charles J., *Washington, D.C.*	2	1
Folsom, *Capt.* A. A.		1
Folsom, Charles W., *Cambridge*, a lot of broadsides, 55 newspapers	1	83
Fomento de la Produccion Española, *Barcelona, Spain*	12	34
Ford, William E.		9
Fosdick, L.L., *Jamaica, L.I.*		23
Foster, Addison A., *M.D., Chicago, Ill.*	1	
Foster, W. E., *Providence, R.I.*	1	
Foster, William H.		1
Fox, Norman, *New York City*	1	
France, Ministry of War, *Paris, France*	1	
Frazer, Persifor, *M.D.*		1
French, Charles	2	
French, John D. W.	3	1
Freund, Harry E., *New York City*		1
Fryer, Alfred C., *Wilmslow, England*	1	
Fuller, *Miss* Edith D.		2
Furnivall, Frederick J., *London, England*	1	1
Gannett, Henry C.	2	10
Gannett, *Rev.* W. C. 56 newspapers	23	6
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, *New York City*	1	1
Generaldirektion der königlichen Sammlungen, *Dresden, Germany*		14
George, *Hon.* M. C., *Washington, D.C.*		1
Giles, Alfred E., *Hyde Park*		3

GIVERS.	Vols.	Pphs.
Gilman, Daniel C., *LL.D.*, *Baltimore*, *Md.*		1
Gilson, J. C., *Oakland*, *Cal.*		1
Globe Newspaper Company	1	
Gloucester, City of	2	
Goodell, Abner Cheney, *Jr.*	1	2
Goodwin, Daniel, *Jr.*, *Chicago*, *Ill.*		1
Graham, Douglas, *M.D.*		1
Grant, *Mrs.* Moses P.	812	1,997
Gray, Louis F.		7
Great Britain, Commissioners of Patents	99	
Green, Milbrey, *M.D.*	1	
Green, *Hon.* Samuel A., *M.D.* 2 broadsides, 13 maps	45	88
Green, Samuel S., *Worcester*	1	8
Greene, C. A., *M.D.*, *Harrisburg*, *Pa.*	1	4
Greenough, W. A. & Co.	1	
Greenough, William W.		16
Griffin, Frederick W.		3
Guild, *The Misses*	3	
Guild, Chester	13	166
Guthrie, Malcolm, *Liverpool*, *England*	1	
Guthrie, Presby N., *Harrisburg*, *Pa.*	6	1
Guy, Edward A., *Cincinnati*, *Ohio*		1
Guyot, *Prof.* Arnold, *Princeton*, *N.J.*	1	
Hale, Horatio		2
Hall, Thomas B.	1	
Halliday, *Mrs.* Maria, *Torquay*, *England*	1	
Hamersley, John W., *New York City*	1	
Hamilton, *Rev.* J. W.		1
Hancock, Leander C.	1	
Harden, William, *Savannah*, *Ga.* 1 newspaper		
Harding, William B., *Worcester*	1	
Harris, *Hon.* B. W., *Washington*, *D.C.*	1	
Harrison, George L., *Philadelphia*, *Pa.*	2	
Hart, Charles Henry, *Philadelphia*, *Pa.*		2
Hartmann, J. F.		3
Hartwell, Edward M., *Baltimore*, *Md.*		1
Harvard College, *Cambridge*	1	3
Harvard College Library, *Cambridge*		1
Harvey, Augustus J., *London*, *England* 13 broadsides		
Hassam, John T.		1
Haverford College, *Haverford*, *Pa.*		8
Hayes, H. V., *Chicago*, *Ill.*		2
Hazard, Joseph Peace, *Wakefield*, *R.I.*	1	
Hazen, *Rev.* Henry A.	2	13
Healy, *Mrs.* Joseph	10	161
Higginson, Thomas W., *Cambridge*	1	
Higginson, Waldo	1	
Hildeburn, Charles R., *Philadelphia*, *Pa.*, 101 portraits		
Hill, Benjamin D., and Winfield S. Nevins, *Salem*		1
Hill, Don Gleason, *Dedham*	1	
Hill, *Hon.* Hamilton A.	1	
Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio, *Cincinnati*, *Ohio* 3 broadsides		1
Historical Society of Pennsylvania, *Philadelphia*, *Pa.*		2
Hoar, *Hon.* George F.	4	
Holder, Thomas	1	
Holmes, Oliver Wendell, *M.D.* 48 broadsides	30	1,141
Homans, *Mrs.* Helen A. 7 maps	372	2,855
Home for Aged Men		1

GIVERS.	Vols.	Pphs.
Home for Aged Women		1
Homes, Henry A., *Albany, N. Y.*		2
Hosmer, *Rev.* Samuel D., *Auburn*		16
Houghton, Mifflin, & Co. 5 calendars		
Hudgens, Seymour I.	1	
Humane Society of Massachusetts		1
Hunt, N. P., *Manchester, N.H.*	2	24
Huntington, *Mrs.* L. A.	16	
Huntington, W. H., *Paris, France*	2	
Hutton, *Rev.* O., *Brookville, Md.*		1
Hyams, G. M.	1	
Independent, The, *New York City*		1
Ingleby, Clement M.	1	
Innes, William P., *Lansing, Mich.*	1	
Institution of Civil Engineers, *London, England*	5	1
International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations		1
Iowa, State Librarian, *Des Moines, Iowa*		1
Isensee, *Dr.* Otto, *Gardelegen, Germany*	1	
Jackson, *Hon.* Jacob B., *Wheeling, West Va.*	2	
James, C. E., *Frankfort, Ky.*		3
Jeffries, B. Joy, *M.D.*	1	98
Jencks, T. R.	2	
Johns Hopkins University, *Baltimore, Md.*	2	1
Johnson, Franklin, *Cambridge*	1	
Jorrin, José Silverio, *Havana, Cuba.*		1
Kaiserlich-königliche Geologische Reichsanstalt, *Vienna, Austria*	1	
Kansas State Board of Agriculture, *Topeka, Kan.*	1	
Kelton, 1st *Lieut.* Dwight H., U.S.A., *Mackinac, Mich.*	1	
Kengla, Louis A., *Washington, D.C.*		1
Kent, George, *Washington, D.C.*	1	
Kiernan, Thomas J., *Cambridge*	1	
Kingsbury, *Miss* Ellen M.	1	
Kingsley, L. G., *Rutland Vt.*		6
Kinsley, William W., *Washington, D.C.*	2	
Knapp, Arthur M. 2 broadsides		35
Kneeland, Samuel, *M.D.*		2
Knowlton, T. S., *West Brookfield*		1
Königliche Bayerische Akademie der Wissenschaften, *Munich, Germany.*	1	2
Königliche Oeffentliche Bibliothek, *Dresden, Germany*		1
Kraus, Alexander, *Cincinnati, Ohio*	1	
Kurtz, D. Morris, *Ithaca, N. Y.*		1
Ladd, William H.	4	
Ladreyt, *Miss* Marie-Casimir, *Hyères, France*	2	
Lambert, *Rev.* Thomas R., *D.D.*	52	55
Lancaster Public Library		4
Lanman, *Prof.* Charles R., *Cambridge*	1	
Lanning, C. M., *Fort Benton, Montana*	1	
Lapham, William B., *M.D.. Paris, Maine*		1
Laval University, *Quebec, Canada*	1	
Lawrence, Abbott 17 broadsides	1	50
Lawrence, Richard Hoe, *New York City*	1	1
Lawrence Public Library	1	
Lawrence Academy, *Groton*	4	1
Lawrence University, *Appleton, Wis.*		4
Le Conte, John, *M.D., Berkeley, Cal.*		6
Lee, John W. M., *Baltimore, Md.* 3 newspapers	2	

GIVERS.	Vols.	Pphs.
Leeds, *England*, Public Library		7
Lehigh University, *South Bethlehem, Pa.*		1
Leicester Public Library		1
Letchworth, William P., *Portageville, N.Y.*	1	
Levy, Simeon, *Mexico*	3	
Lewis, H. Carvill		1
Lewis, *Rev.* J. J.	2	
Library Company of Philadelphia		1
Ligue Française d'Enseignement, *Paris, France*	1	
Lincoln, Arthur	1	
Literary and Historical Society, *Quebec, P.Q.*		1
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Paris, City of	12	
——— Préfet de la Seine, *France*	1	
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Parker, Gannett, & Wood		1
Parlatore, *Prof.* Filippo, *Florence, Italy*	7	
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Russell, Samuel H.		2
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St. Louis Mercantile Library Association, *St. Louis, Mo.*		1
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Salisbury, Stephen, *Jr.*, *Worcester*		2
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Sargent, Albert F., *Malden*		1
Sargent, Charles S.		1
Savage, Edward H.		1
Saville, Leonard A., *Lexington*		1
Schlegel & Fottler		1
Schenck, *Lieut.* A. D., *Washington, D.C.*	1	
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Tobin, John A., *U.S.N.*	1	
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Toledo, *Ohio*, Public Library		1
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Wyman, W. H., *Cincinnati, Ohio*		1
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CIRCULATION.

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Year.	Number of whole days open.	Total Circulation.			Bates Hall.					Lower Hall.					East Boston Branch.					South Boston Branch.					Roxbury Branch.				
		Issues.	Daily average.	Largest No. in one day. *a*	Home use.	Hall use.	Total.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Home use. *b* (White slips.)	Hall use. (Green slips.)	Total.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Home use.	Hall use.	Total.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Home use.	Hall use.	Total.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Home use.	Hall use.	Total.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.
1875	306	758,417	2,581	6,074	41,721	39,016	80,737	263	663	264,825	8,009	272,834	864	1,759	85,134	414	85,548	277	789	111,677	848	112,525	364	860	87,076	2,460	89,539	285	666
1876	306	947,621	3,097	8,035	54,956	59,373	114,329	373	877	338,450	10,392	348,842	1,140	2,598	89,949	1,038	99,987	293	856	113,334	988	115,530	370	1,045	98,304	2,993	101,297	320	925
1877	306	1,140,572	3,727	8,348	66,832	74,786	141,618	463	930	392,995	12,737	405,732	1,326	2,439	101,022	1,605	102,627	335	902	131,969	3,210	135,179	430	1,075	140,059	6,770	146,829	477	1,190
1878	305	1,183,991	3,882	10,478	80,326	66,670	146,996	483	1,001	878,439	12,736	391,175	1,265	2,902	104,717	1,879	106,596	343	1,088	137,010	3,741	140,751	447	1,414	122,517	7,513	130,030	404	1,100
1879	308	1,180,565	3,833	8,747	74,627	89,163	163,790	532	926	350,921	12,672	363,193	1,179	2,085	95,887	2,794	*d*98,681	320	916	115,509	3,335	*d*118,844	503	1,200	123,492	6,397	129,889	403	1,018
1880	307	1,156,721	3,768	8,781	69,042	101,100	170,142	554	1,045	306,148	10,369	316,517	1,031	1,999	105,197	3,004	108,201	303	951	138,306	5,261	143,570	467	1,196	119,450	5,480	124,930	388	1,017
1881	304	1,065,081	3,504	8,637	68,609	96,764	165,373	547	1,046	257,692	9,271	266,963	847	1,849	97,024	4,097	101,118	316	989	129,251	3,607	132,858	435	1,137	105,700	4,912	110,612	360	972
1882	303	1,040,553	3,434	8,179	63,782	103,540	167,322	552	1,052	239,001	11,191	250,792	828	1,670	88,601	7,073	*f*95,674	328	868	125,409	4,077	129,486	426	1,074	101,534	4,739	106,273	347	876
1883	300	1,045,902	3,418	8,209	66,948	113,127	180,075	588	1,181	163,811	32,119	195,930	640	1,301	92,833	8,107	100,940	329	876	121,939	4,472	126,411	413	1,062	105,797	6,728	112,525	370	906
1884	306	1,056,906	3,454	8,604	65,080	119,833	184,913	604	1,220	168,926	35,066	203,992	667	1,333	88,304	7,048	95,442	311	871	119,564	4,656	124,220	405	1,161	103,433	7,374	111,857	360	959

Year.	Charlestown Branch.					Brighton Branch.					Dorchester Branch.					South-End Branch.					Jamaica Plain Branch.					North-End Branch.		
	Home use.	Hall use.	Total.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Home use.	Hall use.	Total.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Home use.	Hall use.	Total.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Home use.	Hall use.	Total.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Home use.	Hall use.	Total.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.	Hall use.	Daily average.	Largest daily use.
1875	78,169	1,206	79,375	259	704	21,394	448	21,842	70	234	15,675	132	*c*16,017	197	439	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1876	84,631	1,184	85,815	279	830	23,531	1,274	24,805	81	314	63,357	899	56,016	206	552	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1877	105,211	1,605	106,816	348	902	27,832	1,960	29,792	97	290	67,692	4,287	71,979	220	620	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
1878	93,537	2,003	101,540	332	970	27,540	1,698	29,247	89	828	63,025	1,949	64,974	197	624	41,303	1,009	42,402	188	667	28,174	2,106	30,280	153	384	. . .	. . .	. . .
1879	86,925	1,815	88,740	289	695	26,737	1,859	28,928	93	312	56,786	1,423	59,673	184	575	73,154	2,713	75,867	247	622	50,457	2,503	52,960	171	413	. . .	. . .	. . .
1880	73,302	1,446	*e*74,748	246	616	26,406	1,574	27,980	91	302	55,090	1,026	56,716	176	541	77,016	2,275	79,291	258	680	52,406	2,220	54,626	176	437	. . .	. . .	. . .
1881	78,682	2,140	80,322	273	789	26,067	2,110	28,177	85	269	53,904	730	55,188	177	541	71,432	2,530	73,962	242	578	47,797	2,311	50,108	164	407	. . .	. . .	. . .
1882	85,038	2,281	87,319	254	741	25,132	2,292	27,444	89	277	53,036	1,449	*f*54,485	144	561	61,453	10,283	*f*71,736	318	670	46,216	3,406	49,722	164	381	. . .	. . .	. . .
1883	84,560	2,744	87,304	285	775	25,965	2,205	28,257	92	273	65,678	1,880	67,558	219	650	76,472	17,778	94,250	305	774	44,758	4,379	49,137	161	411	8,515	20	99
1884	74,458	2,513	76,966	251	687	24,214	1,927	26,141	85	277	70,260	1,913	*g*72,173	237	741	76,093	22,108	98,801	322	757	43,039	8,232	51,271	167	505	11,630	35	183

a Includes the largest of each department on any day, without regard to its being the same day.

b Includes books borrowed on white slips, and returned the same day.

c The use of the Dorchester branch for 1875 was a little over three months.

d The East Boston branch was closed from October 7th to 9th, 1879, for repairs; South Boston from August 12th to November 2d, 1879, for repairs and enlargement.

e The Charlestown branch was closed from April 20th to the 30th, to rearrange the books, and also from May 1st to the 11th, 1880.

f The East Boston branch was closed 25 working-days.
" South-End " " " 85 " "
" Dorchester " " " 6 " " during 1882.
The North-End branch was open 177 days during 1883.

g The Dorchester branch was closed one day, for repairs, during 1884.

APPENDIX XI.

REGISTRATION.

The first registration, 1854-58, had 17,066 names; the second, 1859-67, had 52,829 names.	I. Applications.					II. Applications sent to police for verification.					III. Cards refused (mostly because applicants were non-residents or under age).					IV. Cards not called for during the year.					V. Applications cancelled after being 6 months on file, and a month's notice.					Totals of third registration to May 1, 1884.
	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	
Central library	5,806	5,607	5,901	5,653	5,296	3,486	3,558	3,649	3627	3,149	176	133	120	128	88	201	232	770	239	310	201	232	227	311	235	118,843
East Boston branch . .	800	792	893	796	699	503	600	666	549	480	22	12	16	11	16	15	. .	23	22	28	14	12	24	22	20	13,715
South Boston branch .	1,221	1,138	1,143	1,176	1,161	98	194	198	297	136	7	15	14	15	7	11	35	25	31	18	5	14	28	29	33	17,311
Roxbury branch	1,016	922	1,005	1,136	1,044	. .	57	52	51	24	202	7	5	7	9	22	37	41	51	51	22	37	41	51	51	17,245
Charlestown branch . .	812	955	924	855	734	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	3	. .	8	. .	10	25	36	27	9	20	25	25	17	26	. .	16,888
Brighton branch	234	194	215	251	186	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	13,666
Dorchester branch . .	448	382	531	602	554	34	32	12	9	20	2	2	1	. .	3	24	18	12	14	10	. .	5	9	7	9	6,105
South-End branch . . .	954	881	1,065	1,055	1,135	671	6	. .	. .	. .	36	. .	2	. .	. .	49	16	. .	. .	. .	40	14	. .	. .	. .	7,730
Jamaica Plain branch .	572	473	486	418	400	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	2	5	. .	. .	1	5	6	5	6	10	25	15	11	2	8	3,725
North-End branch . . .	. .	. .	. .	431	169	. .	. .	. .	431	169	. .	. .	. .	. .	18	. .	. .	. .	26	10	. .	. .	. .	20	. .	600
Totals	11,863	11,344	12,163	12,373	11,378	4,860	4,447	4,577	4,964	3,978	450	174	166	161	152	337	380	903	398	457	332	354	357	468	356	215,828

APPENDIX XII.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED, USE OF PATENT-ROOM AND TOSTI ENGRAVINGS.

Years.	Books Recommended.							Use of Patents.		Use of Tosti Engravings.				
	Total recommended.		Total.	Already in Library.		Received since.		Persons.	Hours.	Citizens.		Strangers.		Total.
	Eng.	For.		Eng.	For.	Eng.	For.			Gent'n.	Ladies.	Gent'n.	Ladies.	
1875	1,968	326	2,294	419	61	945	96	1,765	2,707	64	93	74	162	393
1876	2,423	370	2,793	519	47	1,635	126	2,104	3,204	74	142	55	156	427
1877	2,055	384	2,387	501	87	1,282	109	2,660	4,222	47	99	65	140	351
1878	1,579	244	1,823	456	47	731	117	3,069	4,769	37	65	34	82	218
1879	2,180	374	2,554	487	59	1,236	92	3,202	4,728	24	49	45	115	233
1880	1,984	609	2,593	299	69	1,063	231	3,125	4,094	30	48	28	81	187
1881	1,521	485	2,006	279	55	1,088	200	3,527	5,255	14	12	27	94	147
1882	1,630	595	2,223	225	67	1,073	237	3,568	5,147	10	19	16	59	104
1883	1,592	841	2,433	161	95	1,203	296	3,745	4,732	13	28	16	57	114
1884	1,744	1,005	2,749	212	216	1,394	772	*3,514	4,286	8	34	7	26	75

* Of this number 869 were non-residents. The largest number of persons consulting patents in one day was 27, on the 25th of February, 1884.

NOTE. — The column of "Received since" denotes those received of the "Total recommended" the same year. What may be in subsequent years received of such "Total recommended" does not appear in this table.

Patents. — The American, French, German, and British patents are in the Patent room under charge of a Curator.

Engravings. — The statistics refer only to the bound volumes. They can be seen every morning from 9 to 12, by applying at the Bates Hall delivery desk.

APPENDIX XIII.

BATES-HALL READING.

CLASSIFICATION.	PERCENTAGE OF USE.									
	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884
English history, topography, biography, travel, and polite literature	15	15	13	13	13	13.2	13.1	12.3	12.0	11.8
American (North and South) history, etc.	11	12	10	14	13	11.8	11.1	12.2	12.4	11.3
French history, etc.	5	5	5	4	4	6.1	5.8	5.3	4.6	5.2
German history, etc.	4	3	3	5	5	3.4	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8
Italian history, etc.	2	2	2	2	2	1.5	1.8	1.6	1.6	1.6
Other history, topography, biography, travel, and polite literature	4	4	3	5	5	4.2	4.6	5.1	4.7	5.0
General and epochal history	2	3	2	2	3	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.5	3.5
Greek, Latin, and philology	4	3	4	4	4	3.5	3.6	3.9	3.3	3.5
Bibliography	1	1	1	2	2	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.9
Transactions	2	1	5	2	2	.5	.6	.6	.7	.7
Periodicals	7	7	6	5	5	3.9	3.5	3.4	3.7	4.4
Fine arts	11	10	9	12	13	8.9	8.7	8.5	8.4	8.3
Natural history and science	3	3	3	1	1	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.8	3.9
Theology, ecclesiastical history, ethics, education, etc.	11	10	10	8	8	11.0	11.5	11.3	15.0	11.0
Medicine	6	6	6	6	6	7.3	7.0	6.6	6.4	7.0
Law, government, and political economy	2	3	3	2	2	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.7
Useful arts, mathematics, physics, etc.	7	9	10	10	10	9.7	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.3
Miscellaneous pamphlets bound	3	3	5	3	3	4.0	4.9	5.0	4.8	4.9

NOTE. — In computing this percentage, the use of books in the Bowditch, Parker, Barton, and Prince libraries — which are kept apart from the general classification of the Library — is reckoned as near as possible and included in the usual divisions, as is indicated in the table. (See *Explanations* to Appendix VII.)

The figures for 1879 are only approximately correct.

APPENDIX XIV.

LOWER HALL AND BRANCH READING.

[*Based upon the record of books returned.*]

Class No.	CLASSES. The figures give the relative percentages.	1879								1880								1881								
		L. H.	E. B.	S. B.	Rox.	Dor.	S. E.	J. P.	Total.	L. H.	E. B.	S. B.	Rox.	Dor.	S. E.	J. P.	Total.	L. H.	E. B.	S. B.	Rox.	Chn.	Dor.	S. E.	J. P.	Total.
I.	Fiction and juveniles*	72	81	76	84	82	78	62	76.4	70	80	76	83	79	73	62	74.7	70	80	76	82	78	79	74	79	77
II.	History and biography	6	5	6	4	4	7	5	5.3	6	4	6	4	5	8	6	5.3	7	4	5	4	6	5	4	5	5
III.	Travels and voyages	3	2	4	2	3	4	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	5	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	9	3	4
IV.	Science, arts, fine and useful, theology, law, medicine, professions	6	2	3	4	4	3	4	4	7	3	4	4	4	5	4	4.4	6	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4
V.	Periodicals	6	5	5	3	3	3	2	4	7	6	6	3	5	5	4	5	5	6	7	4	4	5	5	4	6
VI.	Foreign languages	3	...	...	...	—	—	...	...	3	...	...	...	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	.5
VII.	Miscellaneous	4	5	6	3	4	5	24	7.3	4	5	5	3	4	4	21	6.6	6	4	5	4	6	4	4	4	4.5

Class No.	CLASSES. The figures give the relative percentages.	1882									1883									1884								
		L. H.	E. B.	S. B.	Rox.	Chn.	Dor.	S. E.	J. P.	Total.	L. H.	E. B.	S. B.	Rox.	Chn.	Dor.	S. E.	J. P.	Total.	L. H.	E. B.	S. B.	Rox.	Chn.	Dor.	S. E.	J. P.	Total.
I.	Fiction and juveniles*	64.23	78	73	81	78.2	77.4	80.3	79	76.6	61.49	77.50	75	79	75.9	77.8	77.2	77	75.1	62.37	77.33	74.	77.	76	77	75.29	76	74.3
II.	History and biography	7.01	5	11	5	6	4.1	5.4	5	6.1	7.26	3.75	7	5	6.3	4.6	6.	5	5.6	7.54	5.	8	5.	6	3	5.96	6	5.8
III.	Travels and voyages	4.03	2	4	3	3	2.8	3.2	3	3.1	4.57	3.00	3	3	3.	3.5	4.	4	3.5	4.08	2.17	4.	4.	3	6	4.55	4	4.2
IV.	Science, arts, fine and useful, theology law, medicine, professions	8.96	4	4	5	2.7	4.5	4.8	4	4.8	9.47	2.75	5	5	3.2	5.3	5.7	4	5.1	9.24	3.42	3	5.	3	5	5.55	5	4.9
V.	Periodicals	4.93	7	3.5	4	4	5.2	3.1	5	4.6	5.11	7.38	7	5	4.6	3.8	2.9	6	5.	5.32	8.	6.	6.	5	5	2.36	6	5.4
VI.	Foreign languages	3.52	...	.5	1	.1	.1	...	...	.6	4.41	.12	—	1	.2	—	.3	—	1.	4.22	—	—	1.	—	—	.23	—	.6
VII.	Miscellaneous	7.32	4	4	1	6	3.9	3.2	4	4.2	7.69	5.50	3	2	6.8	5.	3.9	4	4.7	7.23	4.08	5.	2.	7	4	6.06	3	4.8

* A large number of the juveniles are not fiction.

Books taken out on white slips and returned the same day are not included.

APPENDIX XV.

FELLOWES ATHENÆUM READING.

Class No.	CLASSES. Relative percentages.	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884
I.	History, biography, and travels	38	33	30	37	39	33	42	44	46
II.	Modern foreign languages . .	9	11	10	11	10	13	11	6	6
III.	Periodicals	5	14	17	6	5	4	4	5	4
IV.	Miscellaneous literature . . .	10	9	8	9	11	11	10	11	10
V.	Theology, sociology, ethics . .	5	7	7	6	6	9		6	7
VI.	Medicine	1	1	2	2	2	2		2	1
VII.	Classics	4	4	4	4	4	4		4	4
VIII.	Fine arts, engineering	10	7	7	8	7	6	28	6	7
IX.	Law, politics, government . .	3	3	3	3	3	2		2	2
X.	Mathematics, science	15	11	12	14	13	11		10	9
XI.	Fiction	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	5	5	4	4

BRIGHTON BRANCH READING.

Class No.	CLASSES. Relative percentages.	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884
I.	Fiction	80	77	76	75	76	76	73	74	73
II.	Biography, travel, and history	7	8	7	8	8	7	8	9	10
III.	Other	13	15	17	17	16	17	19	17	17

NORTH-END BRANCH READING

1884.	Fiction and Juveniles.	History and Biography.	Travels and Voyages.	Sciences.	Miscellaneous.
Relative percentages . .	7	43	24	15	11

APPENDIX XVI.

PERIODICAL READING-ROOMS.

PERIODICALS.	1875	1876	1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884											
										Cen'l.*	E.B.	S.B.	Rox.	Ch'n.	S.E.	Bri.	Dor.	J. Pl.	N.E.	L.M.	Total.
BY LANGUAGES.																					
English	609	579	589	555	571	585	617	593	614	305	32	53	73	64	56	38	30	37	64	30	782
French	66	50	64	59	47	49	49	52	47	44	. . .	. . .	6	. . .	. . .	. .	. .	. . .	. .	. .	50
German	49	45	45	46	44	42	47	42	38	40	. . .	2	. . .	. . .	. . .	. .	. .	. . .	. .	. .	42
Italian	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. .	. .	. . .	. .	. .	3
Others	. . .	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. .	. .	. . .	. .	. .	2
Totals	728	678	703	665	667	681	717	692	703	394	32	55	79	64	56	38	30	37	64	30	879
Duplicates	103	120	103	105	95	95	86	86	83	69	2	5	2	. . .	3	. .	. .	. . .	. .	. .	81
Grand Totals	831	798	806	770	762	776	803	778	786	463	34	60	81	64	59	38	30	37	64	30	960
STATISTICS OF USE.																					
Number of days open,	. . .	358	360	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	359	306	306	306	306	306	306	305	306	306	128	. . .
Total readers	249,870	317,308	339,514	371,687	374,716	435,242	393,931	393,684	392,360	285,136	15,997	26,317	15,807	30,346	14,238	1,652	968	4,385	3,636	1,550	400,032
Daily average readers,	698	830	957	1,080	1,118	1,417	228	‡	‡	794	52	86	52	99	47	5	3	17	12	13	‡
Magazines read, total,	348,772	400,452	424,664	471,984	490,324	481,901	520,672	492,090	518,226	376,424	26,427	37,799	27,714	26,727	16,140	960	8,133	13,733	4,180	3,501	541,738
Magazines read, daily average	973	1,118	1,201	1,375	1,344	1,569	303	‡	‡	1,049	86	123	91	87	53	3	27	44	14	38	‡
Average issue per Sunday †	473	476	487	439	504	537	445	548	582	570	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. .	. .	. . .	. .	. .	. . .

* Transactions of learned societies and costly journals, kept in Bates Hall, are not included in this count, but they are all embraced — if currently received — in the Periodical list, issued by the Library.

† Central Library only. The circulation of periodicals in branch libraries has not been sufficient to warrant opening the reading-rooms on Sundays.

‡ No true general average can be given because the reading-rooms are open a different number of days during the year.

NOTE. — The use of newspapers at the Charlestown branch is not included, but the number of readers of them is.

APPENDIX XVII.

LOSSES, DELINQUENCIES, ETC., IN BOOKS LOANED.

Class No.	Classes.	1884.										
		B. H.	L. H.	E. B.	S. B.	Rox.	Ch'n.	Bri.	Dor.	S. E.	J. P.	Total.
I.	Books finable	7,801	16,766	4,007	4,765	6,229	3,567	1,759	3,394	3,289	3,398	54,975
II.	Mail notices	1,948	4,898	930	1,533	1,256	1,035	422	739	436	516	13,713
III.	Books sent for by messenger	159	511	61	92	67	18	4	51	13	17	993
IV.	Books condemned	24	1,292	386	655	430	514	98	402	290	114	4,205
V.	Books covered	.....	66,456	49,151	43,303	46,349	18,415	10,169	10,999	9,786	13,027	267,655
VI.	Books sent to binderies	5,364	3,176	444	640	950	707	311	354	925	298	*13,205
VII.	Books loaned finally given up as lost	13	35	1	4	4	.....	....	.....	.....	1	58

1876-77.—Of 1,140,572 volumes delivered to borrowers, only one in 8,842 was lost.
1877-78.—Of 1,183,991 " " " 11,723 "
1878-79.—Of 1,180,565 " " " 11,688 "
1879-80.—Of 1,156,721 " " " 11,122 "
1880-81.—Of 1,065,181 " " " 12,104 "
1881-82.—Of 1,040,553 " " " 16,008 "
1882-83.—Of 1,045,902 " " " 13,074 "
1883-84.—Of 1,056,906 " " " 18,222 "

* 36 books sent to bindery from N. E.

APPENDIX XVIII.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

General Library Accounts.	1883-84.			Paid into City treasury from fines and sales of catalogues.	
	City appropriations.	Expended.	Fellowes Athenæum.	Year.	Amount.
Binding	$3,000	$1,823 50	.....	1873	$1,681 79
Books Periodicals*	17,000	26,709 61 3,331 39	.....	1874	2,000 00
Catalogues (printing)	5,000	3,291 67	.....	1875	2,360 24
Expense	3,000	3,126 90	.....	1876	2,505 35
Fuel	3,000	3,228 75	.....	1877	3,092 12
Furniture (cabinets, shelving, fixtures, etc.)	2,000	721 81	.....	1878	3,266 31
Gas	5,000	5,446 87	.....	1879	2,618 32
Printing (miscellaneous) Stationery	4,000	4,522 68	.....	1880	2,984 12
Salaries	76,000	74,703 85	.....	1881	3,497 03
Transportation, Postage, etc.	2,000	2,088 25	.....	1882	2,945 74
				1883	3,223 14
				1884	3,018 01
Total	$120,000	$128,995 28			

* The appropriation for periodicals is included in that for books.

NOTE. — The expenditures for books cover the cost of those chargeable to the trust-funds account, as well as those charged to the annual appropriations from the city, and also include such as are bought with the balances with the foreign agents at the close of the previous year. The financial and library years now nominally correspond, but it will happen that bills accruing subsequently to the middle of March (when the last requisition of the year payable April 1st, is approved) will be audited in the subsequent year's account beginning nominally May 1st. In this way books added between March 15th and May 1st may be counted in one year's growth, and paid for in the subsequent year's account. The cost of maintaining branches after the first year makes part of the general items of the several appropriations.

The money for books bought on account of the Fellowes Athenæum is spent under the direction of the book committee of the trustees of the Fellowes fund.

Details for previous years can be found in Appendix XIX. to the report for 1881.

NORTH-END BRANCH.

City Appropriation, $4,000.

Salaries	$672 48
Books	705 71
Expense	1,027 86
Amount actually expended	$2,406 05
Balance of City appropriation	$1,593 95
Expended for books	186 08
	$1,407 87

APPENDIX XIX.

LIBRARY FUNDS. — INVESTED IN CITY OF BOSTON BONDS.

	Giver.	Amount.	When Delivered.	No. of Bond.	When due.	Income.	Provisions.
1	Joshua Bates	$50,000 00	March, 1853	1,727	April, 1894	$3,000	To buy "books of permanent value."
2	Jonathan Phillips	20,000 00	April, 1861	352	Jan'y, 1906	1,800	"To the maintenance of a free public library."
		10,000 00	April, 1853	1,725	April, 1894		"Purchase of books."
3	Abbott Lawrence	10,000 00	May, 1860	281	July, 1905	600	Books having a permanent value.
4	Charlotte Harris	10,000 00	August, 1877	2,579	Oct., 1897	600	Books for Charlestown branch, published before 1850.
5	Henry L. Pierce	5,000 00	December, 1873	1,567	Jan'y, 1894	300	"Books of permanent value for the Bates Hall."
6	Mary P. Townsend	4,000 00	April, 1879	2,960	April, 1899	200	Books five years old in some one edition.
7	George Ticknor	4,000 00	April, 1871	10,480	April, 1891	240	Books in Spanish and Portuguese, five years old in some one edition.
8	John P. Bigelow	1,000 00	August, 1850	1,726	April, 1894	60	Purchase of books.
9	Franklin Club	1,000 00	June, 1863	1,224	Jan'y, 1914	40	Books of permanent value, preferably "books on government and political economy."
10	Samuel A. Green	1,500 00	November, 1878	3,714	Oct., 1900	75	Books relating to American history.
				722	April, 1908		
		500 00	April, 1884	1,243	April, 1914	20	
11	South Boston	100 00	September, 1879	3,119	July, 1889	5	
12	Arthur Scholfield	50,000 00	December, 1883	1,223	Oct., 1913	.....	Income to be paid certain heirs during lives; then to be used for books of permanent value.
13	Thomas B. Harris	1,000 00	April, 1884	1,244	April, 1914	40	For benefit of Charlestown branch.
		$168,100 00				$6,980	

MEMORANDA.

(1) Joshua Bates, born near Boston, 1788; died in London, as the head of the house of Baring Brothers & Co., 1864. In addition to this fund, he gave $50,000 worth of books to the Library.

(2) The sum of $5,000 was a gift in Mr. Phillips' lifetime. The other $20,000 was bequeathed by his will, dated 28th of Sept., 1849. He died 29th July, 1860, aged 82.

(3) Mr. Lawrence died in August, 1855, and this sum was a bequest.

(4) The bequest of Charlotte Harris to the Charlestown branch. With it her private library was also given.

(5) The donation of Mayor Pierce, previous to his retirement from office. The principal or interest may be expended, as is deemed best.

(6) This fund was received from William Minot and William Minot, Jr., executors of Miss Townsend's will, to whom discretionary power in making the gift was given by the will.

(7) This bequest accompanied the testamentary gift of his Spanish and Portuguese library. It is required that $1,000, at least, shall be spent every five years for twenty-five years, for the addition to books in said library.

(8) This fund was a sum intended for a testimonial to Mr. Bigelow on retiring from the mayoralty, and was transferred by him to this purpose.

(9) Given by the Trustees of the Franklin club, under authority given them at the dissolution of that literary association.

APPENDIX XX.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

(*April 30, 1884.*)

Department.	Name.	Entered Service.	Position, duties, etc.	On regular Service.	On time and extra service.	Total employed.
Executive Department.	MELLEN CHAMBERLAIN . .	1878	Librarian and Clerk of the Corporation	1	. .	. .
	James L. Whitney	1869	Principal Assistant Librarian .	. .	. .	. .
	José F. Carret	1875	Registrar and Curator of patents and engravings	1	. .	. .
	Louis F. Gray	1880	Librarian's Secretary	1	. .	. .
	Adelaide A. Nichols . . .	1868	Auditor and Cashier	1	. .	. .
	John F. Murphy	1883	Librarian's Runner	1	. .	. .
	Total	. . . .	. . . . .	5	. .	5
Catalogue Department.	JAMES L. WHITNEY . . .	1869	Principal of the department . .	1	. .	. .
	William H. Foster	1860	Assistant	1	. .	. .
	José F. Carret	1875	Registrar, Curator of patents and engravings and Assistant	. .	. .	. .
	Lindsay Swift	1878	Assistant	1	. .	. .
	Edward B. Hunt	1883	Assistant	1	. .	. .
	Elizabeth T. Reed	1873	Assistant	1	. .	. .
	Roxanna M. Eastman . . .	1859	Extra Assistant and Cataloguer of U.S. Documents	. .	1	. .
	Frank C. Blaisdell	1876	Assistant	1	. .	. .
	Annie C. Miller	1881	Assistant	1	. .	. .
	Edith C. Hine	1884	Assistant	1	. .	. .
	Alice M. Porée	1866	Assistant in Patent room, etc. .	1	. .	. .
	Card Catalogues.					
	HARRIET C. BLAKE	1880	Curator	1	. .	. .
	Carrie K. Burnell	1881	Curator of official card catalogue	1	. .	. .
	Mary F. Osgood	1877	Assistant	1	. .	. .
	Alice Browne	1883	Assistant	1	. .	. .
	William Walsh	1882	Runner	1	. .	. .
	Total	. . . .	. . . . .	14	1	15

LIBRARY SERVICE. — *Continued.*

Department.	Name.	Entered service	Position, duties, etc.	On regular service.	On time and extra service.	Total employed.
Purchase and Entry Department.	HARRIET N. PIKE	1867.	Chief Clerk	1	..	..
	Edith D. Fuller	1879.	Associate Clerk	1	..	..
	Agnes R. Dame	1883.	Assistant Clerk	1	..	..
	Mary A. McGrath	1868.	Assistant	1	..	..
	J. F. Keefe	1883.	Runner	1	..	..
	Total	....	.....	5	..	5
Shelf Department.	APPLETON P. C. GRIFFIN	1865.	Custodian	1	..	..
	William Roffe	1881.	Asst. in charge of repairs, etc.	1	..	..
	Benjamin White	1883.	Assistant	1	..	..
	John S. Morrison	1882.	Runner	1	..	..
	Total	....	.....	4	..	4
Bates Hall.	ARTHUR MASON KNAPP	1875.	Librarian of Bates Hall	1	..	..
	Lydia F. Knowles	1867.	Delivery Clerk	1	..	..
	Louise A. Twickler	1881.	Receiving Clerk	1	..	..
	Margaret Doyle	1875.	Assistant	1	..	..
	W. Maynard L. Young	1878.	Clerk of the branches	1	..	..
	Florence Richards	1878.	Assistant	1	..	..
	Edward P. McLaughlin	1884.	Runner	1	..	..
	Thomas Taff	1884.	Runner	1	..	..
	Florin J. Anshelm	1884.	Runner	1	..	..
	George W. Hope	1884.	Runner	1	..	..
	Total	....	.....	10	..	10
Lower Hall.	EDWARD TIFFANY	1878.	Librarian of Lower Hall	1	..	..
	Mary A. Jenkins	1877.	Assistant Librarian	1	..	..
	William F. Robinson	1872.	Clerk for registration and fines	1	..	..
	Thomas H. Cummings	1879.	Curator of Lower Hall card catalogue	1	..	..
	Caroline E. J. Porée	1859.	Reading-room Clerk	1	..	..
	Sarah A. Mack	1863.	Delivery desk	1	..	..
	Eliza J. Mack	1863.	Receiving desk	1	..	..
	Annie M. Kennedy	1869.	Registration and Assistant	1	..	..
	Annie G. Shea	1874.	Record of slips and Substitute	1	..	..
	Mary Sheridan	1880.	Runner	1	..	..
	Rebecca J. Briggs	1881.	Runner	1	..	..

LIBRARY SERVICE. — *Continued.*

Department.	Name.	Entered service.	Position, duties, etc.	On regular service.	On time and extra service.	Total employed.
Lower Hall.	Julia Twickler	1882.	Runner	1	..	..
	Edith Burley	1883.	Runner	1	..	..
	Esther Nurenberg	1883.	Runner	1	..	..
	Ellen M. Flint	1884.	Runner	1	..	..
	John J. Butler	1878.	Care of shelves	1	..	..
	Evening Service.					
	Louis F. Gray	1881.	Card catalogue	..	1	..
	J. E. Tisdale	1884.	Registration Clerk and Sunday service	..	1	..
	William Roffe	1884.	Reading-room	..	1	..
	Catherine McGrath	1873.	Receiving desk	..	1	..
	Harry Young	1880.	Runner	..	1	..
	William L. Day	1881.	Runner	..	1	..
	J. H. Reardon	1882.	Runner	..	1	..
	Charles H. Innis	1883.	Runner	..	1	..
	James F. Rollins	1883.	Runner	..	1	..
	Calvin A. Jones	1884.	Runner	..	1	..
	Total	....		16	10	26
	WILLIAM E. FORD	1858.	Janitor	1	..	..
	William F. Adams	1879.	Night Watchman	1	..	..
	John White	1880.	Porter	1	..	..
	William Monahan	1883.	Porter	1	..	..
	Extra daily Assistants.					
	Total	....		4	..	4
Bindery.	ANDREW M. BLAKE	1870.	Foreman	1	..	..
	Frank Ryder	1883.	Extra Forwarder	1	..	..
	P. B. Sanford	1879.	Finisher	1	..	..
	Wm. Hemstead	1883.	Pressman	1	..	..
	William F. Sampson	1880.	Forwarder	1	..	..
	Arthur Siguere	1881.	Forwarder	1	..	..
	Sarah E. Bowen	1876.	Forewoman	1	..	..
	Martha M. Wheeler	1869.	Sewer	1	..	..
	Mary G. Morlarty	1875.	Sewer	1	..	..
	Sarah Dumas	1881.	Sewer	1	..	..
	Mary J. Morton	1881.	Sewer	1	..	..
	Mary Roslund	1883.	Sewer	1	..	..
	Samuel Macconnell	1877.	Apprentice	1	..	..
	Total	....		13	..	13

LIBRARY SERVICE. — *Continued.*

Department.	Name.	Entered service.	Position, duties, etc.	On regular service.	On time and extra service.	Total employed.
East Boston Branch.	SARAH C. GODBOLD	1871.	Librarian	1	. .	. .
	Mary R. Pray	1870.	Assistant	1	. .	. .
	Alice M. Wing	1872.	Assistant	1	. .	. .
	Mary E. Cathcart	1870.	Assistant	1	. .	. .
	E. L. Lennon	1881.	Extra Assistant	. .	1	. .
	Adelia H. Ghen	1876.	Extra Runner	. .	1	. .
	Ada J. McConnell	1881.	Extra Runner	. .	1	. .
	Anna B. Rollins	1882.	Extra Runner	. .	1	. .
	Lizzie B. Bond	1883.	Extra Runner	. .	1	. .
	George H. Hosea	1873.	Janitor	1	. .	. .
	Total	. . . .	. . . . .	5	5	10
South Boston Branch.	N. JOSEPHINE BULLARD	1883.	Librarian	1	. .	. .
	Ellen A. Eaton	1872.	Registration Clerk	1	. .	. .
	Emogene C. Davis	1873.	Delivery Clerk	1	. .	. .
	Idalene L. Sampson	1877.	Receiving Clerk	1	. .	. .
	Mary Watson	1873.	Assistant	1	. .	. .
	Reata Watson	1877.	Extra Assistant	. .	1	. .
	Mabel Pond	1879.	Extra Assistant	. .	1	. .
	Lilla F. Davis	1881.	Extra Assistant	. .	1	. .
	Emmie W. Bragdon	1882.	Extra Assistant	. .	1	. .
	Emma Le Févre	1881.	Extra Runner	. .	1	. .
	Etta Le Févre	1882.	Extra Runner	. .	1	. .
	Maude McLaughlin	1883.	Extra Runner	. .	1	. .
	Joseph Baker	1872.	Janitor	1	. .	. .
	Total	. . . .	. . . . .	6	7	13
Roxbury Branch.	SARAH BUNKER	1876.	Librarian	1	. .	. .
	Mary Bradley	1876.	Assistant	1	. .	. .
	Elizabeth C. Berry	1877.	Assistant	1	. .	. .
	Helen M. Bell	1878.	Assistant	1	. .	. .
	Dora Puffer	1878.	Reading room and registration Clerk	1	. .	. .
	Helen R. Crowell	1882.	Extra Assistant	. .	1	. .

LIBRARY SERVICE.—*Continued.*

Department.	Name.	Entered Service.	Position, duties, etc.	On regular service.	On time and extra service.	Total employed.
Roxbury Branch.	Katie R. Albert	1883	Extra Assistant	..	1	..
	Martha I. Emery	1884	Extra Assistant	..	1	..
	Mary A. Dowd	1884	Runner	..	1	..
	Sarah W. Griggs	1884	Runner	..	1	..
	Charles R. Curtis	1873	Janitor	1	..	..
	Total	....	..	6	5	11
Charlestown Branch.	CORNELIUS S. CARTÉE	1870	Librarian	1	..	..
	Annie E. Eberle	1874	Assistant	1	..	..
	Mary P. Swain	1878	Assistant	1	..	..
	Alice G. Willoughby	1882	Runner	1	..	..
	Sarah E. McConnell	1879	Extra Assistant	..	1	..
	Susan E. Livermore	1879	Extra Assistant	..	1	..
	Lydia E. Eberle	1881	Extra Assistant	..	1	..
	Emma L. Willoughby	1882	Extra Runner	..	1	..
	Thomas E. Smith	1874	Janitor	1	..	..
	Total	....	..	5	4	9
Brighton Branch.	MARY E. BROCK	1875	Librarian	1	..	..
	Mary F. Gralley	1880	Assistant	1	..	..
	Sara R. Brock	1880	Extra Assistant	..	1	..
	James M. Brock	1878	Janitor	1	..	..
	Total	....	..	3	1	4
Dorchester Branch.	MARY G. COFFIN	1874	Librarian	1	..	..
	Mary J. Sheridan	1875	Assistant	1	..	..
	Frances Willard Pike	1880	Assistant	1	..	..
	Lucy Adelaide Watson	1881	Assistant	1	..	..
	A. M. Mansfield	1882	Extra Assistant	..	1	..
	Edward Davenport	1874	Janitor	1	..	..
	Total	....	..	5	1	6
South End Branch.	GRACE A. DE BORGES	1880	Librarian	1	..	..
	Maude M. Morse	1877	Assistant	1	..	..
	Margaret A. Sheridan	1875	Assistant	1	..	..
	Mary Arkinson	1881	Assistant	1	..	..
	John W. F. Rorke	1883	Runner	1	..	..
	Frank Hathaway	1882	Extra Runner	..	1	..
	Total	....	..	5	1	6

LIBRARY SERVICE. — *Concluded*

Department.	Name.	Entered Service.	Position, duties, etc.	On regular service.	On time and extra service.	Total employed.
Jamaica Plain Branch.	ELIZA R. DAVIS	1877	Librarian	..	..	..
	Anna J. Barton	1876.	Assistant	1	..	..
	Nellie F. Riley	1878.	Extra Assistant	..	1	..
	Margaret S. Barton	1882.	Extra Assistant	..	1	..
	John Erickson	1882.	Extra Runner	..	1	..
	Timothy Johnson	1877.	Janitor	1	..	..
	Total	....		2	3	5
North End Branch.	ELIZA R. DAVIS	1882.	Librarian	1	..	..
	Mary E. Mooney	1882.	Assistant	1	..	..
	J. P. Fleming	1882.	Janitor	1	..	..
	Total	....		3	..	3
Deliveries.	Mary A. Hill	1875.	Custodian, Lower Mills	1	..	..
	Robert M. Otis	1881.	Custodian, Roslindale	1	..	..
	Anna Hibbard	1882.	Custodian, West Roxbury	1	..	..
	Harriet L. Atkinson	1882.	Custodian, Mattapan	1	..	..
	Grace E. Powars	1884.	Custodian, Neponset	1	..	..
	Total	....		5	..	5

SUMMARY.

Librarian, Register, Secretary, Auditor, and Runner	5		
Catalogue department	14	1	
Purchase and Entry department	5		*Central Library.*
Shelf department	4		71 regulars.
Bates Hall circulation department	10		11 extras.
Lower Hall circulation department, day, evening, and Sunday service	16	10	—
Janitor's department	4		82 in all.
Bindery	13		
East Boston Branch	5	5	
South Boston branch	6	7	
Roxbury branch	6	5	*Branches.*
Charlestown branch	5	4	45 regulars.
Brighton branch	3	1	27 extras.
Dorchester branch	5	1	—
South-End branch	5	1	72
Jamaica Plain branch	2	3	
North-End branch	3		
Deliveries	5		
Totals	116	38	
	38		
Grand total	154		

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APPENDIX XXI.

EXAMINATION OF THE LIBRARY.

	Bates Hall.	Lower Hall.	E. Boston branch.	So. Boston branch.	Roxbury branch.	Charlest'n branch.	Brighton branch.	Dorchester branch.	South End branch.	Jamaica Plain branch.	Totals.
Not on shelves . .	3,693	6,562	2,019	3,022	2,947	2,129	854	1,773	2,792	1,186	26,977
Of these found to be											
Lent	2,538	5,022	1,712	2,621	2,530	1,711	628	1,557	2,019	1,071	21,409
At the binderies .	438	359	53	59	85	143	54	45	418	32	1,686
Otherwise accounted for . .	667	1,056	252	342	325	274	172	171	354	81	3,694
Not accounted for,	50	125	2	. .	7	1	. .	. .	1	2	188

APPENDIX XXII.

WORK IN THE LIBRARY BINDERY.

Character of Work.	1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.	1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.	1881-82.	1882-83.	1883-84.
Bates Hall books bound and finished	2,613	3,223	4,759	4,155	4,272	3,958	5,839	4,598	4,268	4,932
Books of the Lower Hall and branches	1,508	7,766	8,743	11,129	10,084	7,606	2,752	8,417	8,123	7,878
Books repaired	444	959	873	949	1,371	1,397	1,201	1,376	879	964
Catalogues wired and covered for public use in Lower Hall and branches	143									
Maps dissected and mounted; Map volumes and shelf-lists mounted; Pamphlet cases; Portfolios	493	820	2,712	958	3,014	2,145	3,205	4,387	4,904	5,153
Removable covers for catalogues and for paper-covered books; Maps mounted, bound, and bordered	1,520	1,287	1,271	1,469	1,970	46	1,032	664	1,112	1,089
Hours of miscellaneous work	2,486	2,183	2,586	2,778	2,615	2,205	1,959	1,637	2,306	2,295

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